

Early Rural Schools Of Clatsop County, Oregon

Knappa, Svensen, Brownsmead,
John Day, Fernhill, Westport, Wauna

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Dedicated to:

James Lee Dennon
1932-1992

who started me on this project and always
had an encouraging word for local researchers,

and my grandmother
Wanda Lawson Simpson
1891-1956

who taught one room schools
in Northern California
and never stopped learning.

INTRODUCTION

Although Astoria now carries the designation of district Number 1, the first school is believed to have been on Clatsop Plains in 1854. The first three districts were located in the area of present day Warrenton. Knappa was District Number 4, with the first one in that area believed to be established about 1855. Some of the first schools were begun in private homes.

As roads and transportation improved schools consolidated. The number of school fluctuated for many years. In 1890 there were at least fifteen schools in the county and it continued to grow until the 1920s. Most of these consisted of one or two rooms, heated with a wood stove. Water was provided in a bucket with a dipper for all to use. Outhouses were the norm and play equipment nearly non-existent. Books and supplies were provided by parents in many cases. Early schools had many windows to provide natural light. Evening programs were lit by kerosene lamps.

Early pioneers knew how important education would be for their children. They might select a piece of ground or obtain it by donation, clear it and build the school building. They could then hire their own teacher or petition the County superintendent for one. Each early school was a district unto themselves. The superintendent was supposed to visit at least once a year, as were the local school directors. Many local politicians began their careers as school directors. They had much more control over the school than today.

Teaching was done mostly by single ladies, who may have just completed the eighth grade herself or attended one of the few Normal Schools in the state. They not only taught all grades, all subjects, they might also be expected to do janitorial duties. Some only taught until they married and began to raise their own families. Salaries ranged from \$50-70 dollars a month. If they did not live in the area, they would board with a local family and paid \$20 for room and board.

Typical enrollment might be 8-10 pupils. Some children did not attend until they were eight years old, because of the distance they would have to walk. Many completed their education in this little building, as tests were required to enter high school. Many entered the work force instead. Attendance might be sporadic if they were needed at home to plant or harvest crops. The term might be only 3-4 months long and held in spring, summer or fall, as winter might make it difficult to travel.

The day might begin with a hymn or a prayer. Later this was replaced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Teachers were expected to play the piano which a surprising number of school had as standard equipment.

The school also served as a community center. Many held eager-to-learn youngsters during the week, high stepping dancers on Saturday night, devoted worshipers on Sunday. They were quite often the voting place and might host a wedding or a funeral. Holiday programs gave the teacher and children a chance to show off their work to the community.

I began this project with a series of questions... Where was the school? How did it begin? Who was involved? How did it acquire its name? Is it still standing or being used? Not all questions have been answered, but I hope we have preserved some of the history. The spirit of the one room school lives on the memories and in the pages of this book.

When I went to School.....

The little red school house on the hill,
who's silhouette we knew so well,
the friends we made, the games we played.
Things we studied, the plans we laid.
Girls in pigtails, barefoot boys,
memories of our childhood joys.
Desks all lined up in a row,
the comfort of the stove's warm glow.
The blackboard dust, eraser fights,
making "funny paper" kites,
The pencil sharpener on the window sill,
the pail or bucket where we drank our fill.
Twin paths out back were standard then,
and no one thought too much of them.
A spinning globe, a pull down map,
that would fly back up with whirr and snap!
Homemade lunches brought to school.
To learn three "R" s and the Golden rule,
the alphabet up 'round the wall,
big round letters to be learned by all.
Learning to write with real ink and pen,
the scratching, the blobs, the blot and then,
the perfect paper done just right,
to be displayed for parent's night.
Getting there and getting home,
could be an adventure all it's own.
Capturing memories with paper and pen,
would be difficult without friends.
Thanks to those who consented to share.
There is more room, if you care.
Future generations will think you're "cool",
when they read, "When I went to school....."

Joyce Simpson Morrell

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DA- Daily Astorian
 ADB- Astoria Daily Budget
 AEB- Astoria Evening Budget
 MA- Morning Astorian
 EAB- Evening Astoria Budget
 DMA- Daily Morning Astorian
 AB- Astoria Budget

Sources may seem to disagree. I recommend you read all data, keeping in mind, the most accurate is probably that recorded most closely to the event taking place.

CLATSOP COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

SCHOOL DISTRICT	ESTABLISHED	CONSOLIDATED/DATE
Clatsop County SD #1C - Astoria	7/4/1854	
Clatsop County SD #2 - Morrison	10/1/1854	#30 - 8/4/1948
Clatsop County SD #3 - Clatsop Plains	10/21/1854	#15 - 7/1/1949
Clatsop County SD #4 - Knappa	Unknown/1855	#5J - 5/31/1966
Clatsop County SD #5 - Lewis & Clark	3/7/1855	#1 - 7/1/1991
Clatsop County SD #6 - Hammond	4/25/1869	#30 - 1/18/1960
Clatsop County SD #7 - Westport	11/4/1861	#5J - 5/31/1966
Admin SD #8 - Clatsop County, Jewell	4/20/1872	Unknown
Clatsop County SD #9 - Sylvan Dale	2/11/1898	#4 - 3/17/1939
Adm SD #10 - Clatsop County, Seaside 10C	1/20/1873	Unknown
Clatsop County SD #11 - Olney	5/13/1875	#1 - 7/1/1996
Clatsop County SD #12 - Hamlet	9/24/1898	#10 - 12/31/1947
Clatsop County SD #13 - Melville	2/17/1876	#5 - 8/7/1942
Clatsop County SD #14 - Vine Maple	2/11/1878	#8 - 7/1/1961
Clatsop County SD #15 - Gearhart	12/17/1898	#10 - 5/31/1967
Clatsop County SD #16 - Fairview	11/13/1878	#4 - 4/25/1936
Clatsop County SD #17 - Lincoln	12/5/1879	#5 - 2/21/1927
Clatsop County SD #18 - Fernhill	7/9/1880	#1C - 4/4/1955
Clatsop County SD #19 - Vesper	11/27/1882	#8 - 5/15/1939
Clatsop County SD #20 - Chadwell	1/1/1883	#5 - 8/7/1942
Clatsop County SD #21 - Mountain View	2/6/1900	#11C - 4/27/1944
Clatsop County SD #22 - Svensen	Unknown	#4 - 5/14/1947
Clatsop County SD #23 - Blind Slough	2/17/1887	#4 - Unknown
Clatsop County SD #24 - Elsie	Unknown	#8 - 6/30/1948
Clatsop County SD #25 - Tidewater	12/28/1890	#8 - 12/22/1937
Clatsop County SD #26 - Walluski	3/14/1899	#5 - 7/1/1957
Clatsop County SD #27 - Green Mountain	5/14/1917	#11C - 10/5/1938
Clatsop County SD #28 - Olney	11/8/1915	#11C - 6/20/36
Clatsop County SD #29 - Battle Creek	3/24/1933	#5 - 5/9/1945

*In not sure this
is correct.*

CLATSOP COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS

SCHOOL DISTRICT	ESTABLISHED	CONSOLIDATED/DATE
Adm SD #30 - Warrenton	2/2/1892 1/18/1960	
* Clatsop County SD #31 - Hillcrest	Unknown	#4 - 4/25/1936
Clatsop County SD #32 - Youngs River Falls	Unknown	#11C - 1/20/1936
* Clatsop County SD #33 - Clifton	2/1/1893	#4 - 7/1/1949
Clatsop County SD #34 - Vesper	1/1/1894	#19 - 3/31/1919
Clatsop County SD #35 - Elsie	2/1/1894	#8 - Unknown
Clatsop County SD #36 - Necanicum	2/19/1894	#10 - 10/6/1945
Clatsop County SD #37 - Ecola-Cannon Beach	3/1/1895	#10 - 5/31/1967
Clatsop County SD #38 - Wauna	1/24/1896	#1 Jt - 7/1/1946
* Clatsop County SD (#39) - Brownsmead	7/31/1917	#4 - 4/10/1946
Clatsop County SD #40 - Camp McGregor	1/14/1924	#8 - 3/5/1958
Clatsop County SD #41 - Ferndale	12/18/1924	#10 - 6/29/1959
Clatsop County SD #42Jt - Birkenfeld	?/1914	#8 - 2/3/1960
Union High #1 - Seaside	5/22/1915	#10 - 5/31/1967
* Union High #2 - Knappa-Svensen	9/1/1915	#4 - 5/12/1947
Union High #3 - Jewell	9/22/1924	#8 - 6/30/1948

COLUMBIA RIVER

BROWNSMEAD

CLIFTON

BRADWOOD

HWY 30

KNAPPA

SVENSON

COLUMBIA RIVER

FERN HILL

HWY 30

COLUMBIA RIVER

HWY 30

WAUNA

WESTPORT



COLUMBIA RIVER

HWY 30

SVENSEN

HWY 30

OLD HWY



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #5

HILLCREST LOOP ROAD

Knappa Area Schools

Knappa was created as #4, established 1855? consolidated 31 May 1966, 3rd class district. On SP&S railroad, near station and post office, 14 miles from Astoria.

The different schools listed for Knappa were; the Wickiup Mountain School, three former Knappa schools, Fairview, two Hillcrest schools. One school was known as the White school. Another as the Black School. Some of these schools had their own District number until they were consolidated, about 1966. Knappa has at times been associated with Clatskanie schools as a joint district with Columbia county.

The first bus run to the old Union High school was driven by Ole Dybvik. In the early days children themselves or the parents were responsible to get to school.

History of Clatsop county
by Emma Miller
page 189, excerpts,

H. S. Lyman, county school superintendent, wrote an article which was published in the *Astorian* on Dec. 25, 1901, telling about the county schools at that time.

"There are 37 school districts in the county having three months or over per year; 43 school houses valued at \$85,725.

Outside Astoria the first class schools are mostly new; Seaside, Warrenton, Clatsop, Hammond, Olney, Chadwell, Alder Grove, Blind Slough and Elsie. They are supplied with school bells, painted and furnished with patent school desks, and in some cases a school organ with grounds fenced. Nearly all of these schools have libraries .

Older schools are found at Westport, Knappa, Svensen, Prospect Park, Melville, Skipanon and Push.

There are 73 teachers in the county - 16 men and 57 women. The average monthly salary for men is \$47 and \$35 for women. They work seven to nine months a year, so teaching is a temporary pursuit in many cases.

The school population is 3853 in the county.

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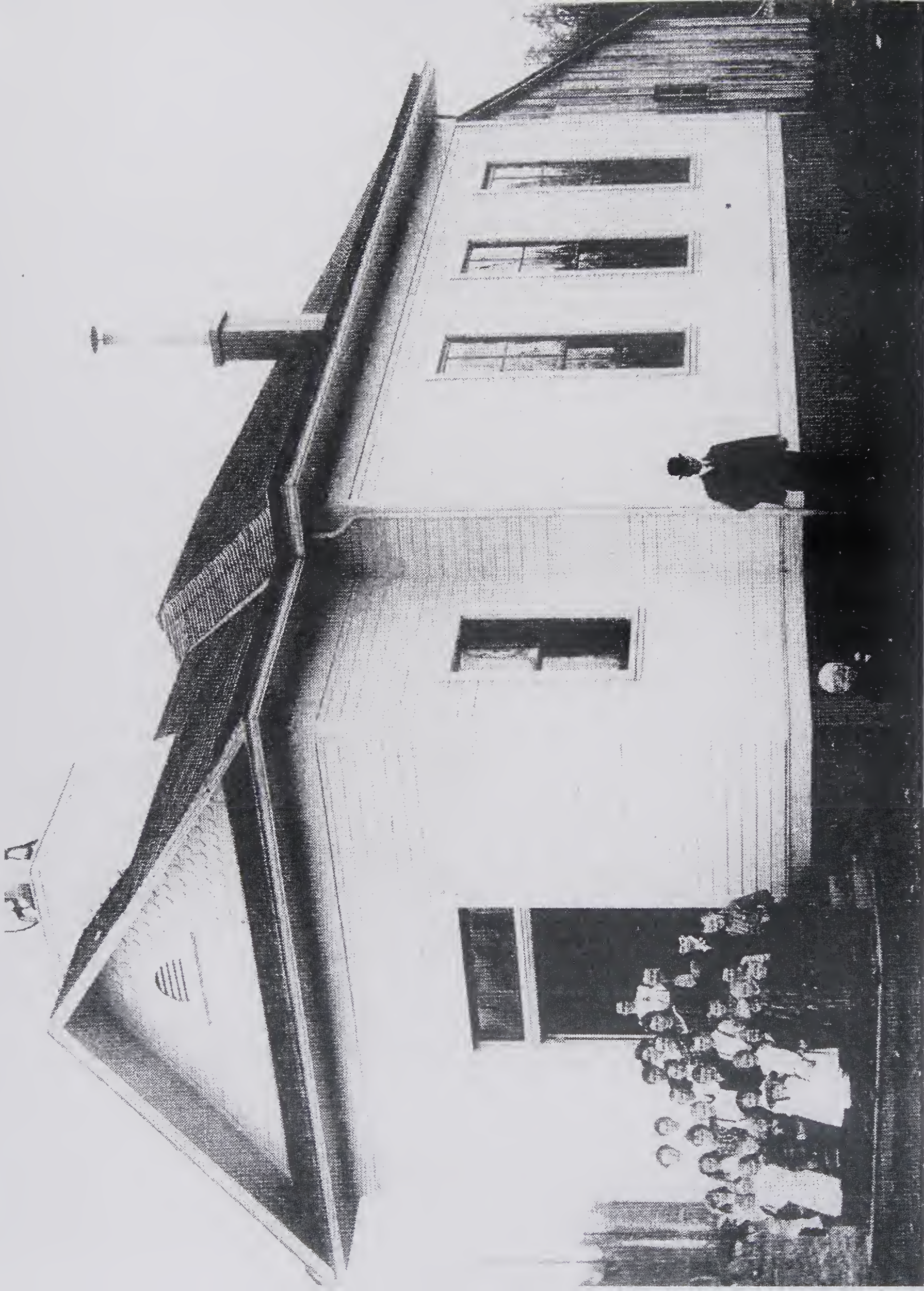
In 1893 there were some 30 school districts scattered all over Clatsop county. Some of these districts held school during the three summer months only because of poor roads; others ran from five to nine months. Year by year they began to consolidate and by 1957 there were only 14 districts.

School Officers, 4-15-1878

4 Knappa- E. Van Dusen, C. B. Spear, J. T. Moody, A. Knapp as clerk

DA 9-15-1880:3

Mr. H. Stroop has just closed a five month term of public school at Knappa with good results. The average attendance was about twelve pupils. The district is increasing. He will begin a three month term soon. He goes to Portland today on leave of absence for a few days.





THE BLACK SCHOOL CALLED

Clarence Barendse Collection

First school in Knappa, est. 1855
located across the road from
Howard Hughes home.
(*Katherine McIntyre*)



White School

ADB 6-16-1893:1

Mr. Lee, our teacher has returned from a business trip to Portland.

DMA 3-3-1903 :4

School will open in the White school Mar 9 with Miss Lucy Morton of Astoria teacher.

DMA 4-8-1903:3

Knappa- School will begin in District #4 next Monday with Miss Bain of Portland as teacher.

DMA 4-16-190:3

Miss Lucy Morton, also of Astoria has begun a summer term at the White school at Knappa. In district No. 4 at Knappa Miss Lois Bain of Portland, a cousin of N. D. Bain and Mrs W. S. Kinney, has begun a summer term.

ADB 9-17-1904:6

County School Superintendent Lyman returned yesterday morning from a visit to the school at Knappa, where Miss Laura Fastabend is to teach a three month term of school, that has just opened. He also visited the Svensen school, where the term is just closing. The teacher there is Miss Jessie Reese. He found both schools in excellent condition. Mr. Lyman left last evening for Portland to confer with State Superintendent Akerman relative to the educational exhibit for the Lewis and Clark fair. Mr. Akerman is ex-officio superintendent of the exhibit while Mr. Lyman is the active superintendent.

ADB 6-22-1909:1

At the school district election in DST #16 at Knappa Monday afternoon John Abbot was elected clerk and Andrew Lee was elected director. (I believe this was Fairview school.)

ADB 3-29-1913:2

"Union School Plans Discussed Maple Grove resident Believes Better Results Can Be Attained"

I note an article in the Budget that the taxpayers of Fairview near the Knappa school district No. 16 had voted to consolidate with the four school districts in this section. I proposed a plan at the teachers institute some years ago that Svensen, Knappa, Blind Slough and districts 27,31 and 4 should form a legally established high school in the most central point. If we accept the other plan proposed some of the children would have to travel nearly four miles to school. They say they will send wagons for the children each day. But some of the roads are only trails upon which a wagon cannot pass and hence the children would not get to school at all.

Mr. Butler says that they contemplate establishing a carpenter shop in the basement of the proposed school. That is a good idea for the city schools, but there are a number of boys of Maple Grove district under 16 who are already handy with a saw and hammer and I doubt the wisdom of this department now. These boys know how to do carpenter work and need no tutor to instruct them. These ideas are rather too expensive for a district of this kind

and most likely Mr. Butler does not pay as much tax as others or he would realize this.

There is no opposition to the establishment of a union high school if the people will take in the districts comprising Svensen,, Knappa, Fairview, Maple Grove and Blind Slough. The director of each district can meet and decide on a plan of organization to be submitted to a vote in each of the districts at a special meeting. A director from each section would be the most acceptable to the people and with the aid of the county school superintendent something can be accomplished along these lines.

We propose to make an addition to the school building in district 37 to accommodate the rapidly increasing number of children. We will have as fine a school as either Knappa or Svensen when the grounds are cleared and the running spring water thru the property is controlled. The location of this school is sightly and cannot be beat. Thomas Bush

MAPLE GROVE (near Knappa)

District #4 Knappa Teachers:

1913-14 Orpha Jackson

1914,15,16 Elizabeth Neidigh

1918-19 Amy Dale

1919-20 Florence Fessler

1920,21,22 Hilda Luota

1922-23 Elida Arvola

1923,24,25 Estella Empo, Elsie E. Erickson

ADB 9-17-1914:8

Every school in the county consisting of six in the city and 38 outside is now holding sessions and each will continue not less than six months, while the majority will be in session for 9 or 10 months. A splendid corps of teachers is said to have been employed and the indications for a successful term are most encouraging. On Tuesday morning County Superintendent Byland visited the school in district #31 at Hillcrest and assisted in dedicating the new building. This structure is a two room building which cost about \$5000 and is one of the most up-to-date in the country, so far as arrangement, heating, lighting and ventilation are concerned. There are about 50 pupils attending this school, the teachers being Miss Theresa Kurtenbach and Miss Olga Everett. The board of directors consist of John Conroy, and Thos. Bush, while Addie Akerstedt is clerk. The superintendent also visited district #22 at Svensen and reports it is in first class condition. The building is a comparatively new one of two rooms and a complete new heating and ventilation plant has been installed. About 67 pupils are attending and the teachers are Miss Blanche Foster and Miss Gertrude Couillard. The board of directors consists of J.R. Dunsmoor, G. L. Hills and Nels Simonson with S. J. McIntire, clerk.

ADB 7-21-1915:6

A petition is now being circulated for signatures and will be presented to the county boundary board, asking that a union high school district be created including the two school districts at Knappa. Just where the proposed new high school will be located has not been

fully determined, but will probably be at some central point along the line of the Columbia Highway.

Newspaper

1914-15 **Knappa School Makes Progress**

The little red school house is rapidly becoming a thing of the past, and in its stead the county districts are developing their educational resources in competition with the city schools.

If one doubts this, just take a trip into the country; visit some of the rural school houses; stop and talk to the teachers; then you will learn that the little red school house is really a miniature house of knowledge where almost every branch of education is recognized.

One prominent case in evidence is that of the Knappa school district, about 12 miles east of Astoria, where the directors have provided modern buildings, proficient tutors, adequate play grounds, sanitary lavatories, patent drinking fountains, free books, steam heat and lunch rooms. There are some districts in the county where the school board provides transportation for those who have long distances between the home and school building.

Knappa district can point with pride at its accomplishments. Its capable teachers, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Burns, lead in the thought and culture that surrounds all the school work, with the result that the fifty pupils attending receive the highest returns for their labor and need not crave what the city schools supply.

One can hardly conceive what such a community has to offer unless the time is taken to spend a day with the local residents and teachers right in the school rooms. Passing through a country section by train or over highway does not disclose what the community contains. Knappa station is among them. One can see only a small platform and store buildings at the railroad station, but passing along the country highway southward are well kept homes, green meadows and cultivated fields extending for miles into the interior.

The Parent-Teachers meeting at the Knappa schoolhouse Saturday, Dec 5, was illustrative of what a little community can do to stimulate educational advantages. An attractive musical and literary program had been prepared for the occasion and a speaker invited from the Parent-teacher Ass'n in Astoria. Mrs. John E. Gratke responded and spoke on the benefits to be derived in the schoolroom where the parent, school board and teachers co-operate.

The Knappa association has over 20 members and they all attended the meeting Saturday. At the business meeting the expenditure of the funds derived from the juvenile fair and receipts from local entertainment, were discussed. Such additions to the school equipment favoring the purchase of a picture machine, phonograph, establishing a department of domestic science where hot lunches can be served the pupils. These features will become realities soon because the school board is in harmony with the association and upon the advise of the teachers endeavor to supply the most needed things as their means and good judgement commands. The board already supplies free books and a fine piano has been provided. The school building has two large rooms and a full cement basement where the children play basket ball and use the swings to their hearts content. There are nine grades taught.

A movement is now being advanced to provide a residence for the teachers near the building as a matter of convenience. When the domestic science dept. is established it will

be possible for the children to have a hot lunch each noon day. This feature will serve a double purpose as those taking the course will prepare the meals for the entire class.

MA 6-3-1919:4

Knappa - The pupils taking the eighth grade examination have received their diplomas in District 16, Deila Moody, Rosie Nelson, Margaret Helligso, Alfred Johnson, Lester McPherson, Fred Beaura, Frank Sture. District 4, Mary Stewart, Alvina Steen, Alma Birie.

ADB 8-16-1924:8 **Knappa Landmark is Destroyed by Fire**

Another landmark is gone in the burning of the White schoolhouse in District #16 on Thursday night Aug. 14. The building had been converted into a residence and owned by Bagley Brothers. The white schoolhouse was built in 1879 or '80 on land donated by the late E.C. Crow. The work of the building was also mostly donated by the sturdy two (...?...?) of the place under the leadership of L. N. Mitchell deceased. Mr. Sloop, deceased father of B.J. Sloop of Astoria was the first teacher in the building. He walked the distance of 3 ½ miles morning and evening to his home. On very stormy days he bore the burden of a small girl upon his back - none other than the Budget Correspondent.

Superintendents Ledger District #16, Fairview, Knappa

1913-14 William Irle, Jennie S. Anderson

1914-15 Fred E. Burns, Mrs. Della Burns

1915-16 Fred E. Burns, Margaret Hussong

1916-17 L. W. Keeler, Margaret Hussong, Della Burns

1917-18 Floyd Watson, Margaret Hussong

1918-19 Mildred E. Hudson

1919-20 Jessie Geer, Marjorie Knapp, Mrs C. H. Anderson

1920-21 Katherine Dooling, Hattie N. Mellish, Virginia M. Keene

1921-22 Hattie Mellish, Grace Allen, .M.V. Keene

1922-23 Ida B. Colby, Hilda Luoto, Ida Luoto,

1923-24 Hilda Luoto, Ida Luoto, Ida Colby

1924-25 Hilda Luoto, Ida Luoto

District #4 Knappa teachers

1913-14 Orpha Jackson

1914-15-16 Elizabeth Neidigh

1918-19 Amy Dale

1919-20 Florence Fessler (Mrs)

1920-21-22 Hilda Luoto

ADB 12-18-1915:3 Architect Selected

Architect A.D. Gedron of this city has been selected by the Union High School district No.2 including Svensen and Knappa, to prepare the plans for the proposed new \$20,000 educational institution. Operators will start on the new structure early in the spring. A site has been secured along the Columbia Highway. This will make the school easily



White School

accessible to the students of that vicinity. The new school will be modern and up-to-date in every respect.

ADB 11-4-1916:5

The new Union High school between Knappa and Svensen is being dedicated this afternoon and the session of the school will open during the coming week.

Heritage Center Archives- May 19(30?) District # 4, Knappa school

Superintendent O. H. Byland announces that the following pupils passed the required State Examination and are now entitled to an eighth grade diploma;

Mary W. Hopper, Isabelle O. Edelman, Nelly M. Gray, Helen Murphy, Stanley R. Knight.

Superintendent Anne Lewis announces that the following pupils have passed the required Eighth Grade examinations and are now entitled to an eighth grade diploma; Dorothy Hagglund, Agnes Johnson, Marian Johnson, Elvera Johnson, Robert Ziak.

List of Eighth Grade Graduates May 5, 1933, District No. 4, Knappa

Harold Pettersen, Mildred Wallin, Melville Edelman, Martha Boentgen, Harold Hanson, Gottfrid Haglund

Oregon Teachers Remember, Bicentennial Edition

Joy Of Teaching

Katherine Salvon

My early dreams of becoming a teacher were led to fulfillment by taking the teacher's training course at high school. The two years I taught on this certificate helped finance my college education.

My first job was in a two room country school about three miles from my home. I had nine first graders; the remaining fourteen pupils in grades two, three and four. My first graders, all as frightened as I, had nine different personalities. There were identical twins who spoke a jargon all their own, and whom I repeatedly offended by confusing their names. The two or three Finnish children could speak no English but the others, at least spoke my language and helped the rest.

All of my experience has been in my local area. Twenty years were spent as principal of an elementary school. I hesitated long before accepting that offer, but the challenge turned out to be a joy. Many capable teachers worked for me, giving me support and help. I wish I had kept a diary of the bright sayings of children for they really say comical things. For instance, the freckled-face boy who approached me the first day saying "Gee, teacher, you have an awful lot of freckles." Then the lesson of the Arctic circle when a dreamy child said, "It is in Astoria. We buy hamburgers and milkshakes there". Another child asked why I always called myself "Captain" when I answered the telephone. Katherine sounded like Captain to him.

There have been many, many changes through the years in materials, methods and finances but the basic methods of working with pupils is the same. You teach, they learn. It has been rewarding to see the outcome of former pupils, as in any generation there are some

culls but the majority have lives of good citizenry and fine responsibilities . After forty years of teaching, I would not exchange one day of it for a day in any other profession.

Where It All began

Velma Vlastelicia

My first certificate was earned through the pedagogy class in Knappa High school, 1923-24. I walked two miles every afternoon to Hillcrest school to observe two teachers, then went by bus to Wauna to observe the primary teacher. To May Bowman, I owe my desire to become a primary teacher.

After a summer of housework in Astoria the superintendent found me a school in Antone, a little sheepherding community in Eastern Oregon. My salary was stupendous for a beginner, \$125.00 a month. To buy a trunk and other things needed, it was necessary to supplement my summer's earnings with a loan of \$25.00 from the bank. My parents drove me to Antone in the family car, camping out one night on the road. When they were ready to return, I found that my father had used up all our money, and father made me borrow \$20.00 from the clerk of the school board to get him and mother home. The clerk was displeased and I am embarrassed to this day.

The schoolhouse had a space for a small library, a hall for wraps and wood box, a stove and a player piano. The seats were nailed in rows to two by fours so they could be moved around. I soon learned why. At least once a month they were all moved into the library, leaving the room open for a community social. All the parents came with their children, and the sheepherders rode in from the pastures.

There were 18 pupils in all eight grades. I was so immature and afraid of doing the wrong thing that the course of study had to be used for almost every lesson.

At my boarding house, I slept on a straw mattress and took my bath in a wash tub in the kitchen. but all was clean, my landlady was a good cook and she did my washing and ironing.

Most of my teaching since has been in and near Knappa, with first graders. I would still enjoy teaching if my age did not change.

In 1966 my husband and I made a trip to Antone. It wasn't there. The school was gone only one of the original houses was left; the sheep hearders were gone. There were two new houses surrounded by wheat fields.

Knappa, Once Upon a Time (excerpts)

James A. Elliott, pub. 19??

All my grade school days were spent at Knappa District #4 school on the hill in Lower Knappa by the community baseball grounds. The Hartmans now live on the old school grounds.

My first day at school was one that can't be forgotten. Miss Neidigh, a slim tall lady in her fifties, had just been hired and was in her first day in our school. She taught all eight grades, as was the case with all my grade school teachers.

I had been very reluctant and timid about going to school that first day but by afternoon I had settled down some. Then the boy seated behind me whispered something to me and I whispered an answer. As I turned back I heard fast approaching footsteps and there was Miss Neidigh descending on me with hands poised in the air like an eagle pouncing on a

salmon. I felt her fingernails sink into my shoulder blades and then all was confusion as she shook the daylight out of me. No way was I about to go to school the next morning. Dad finally had to take me to school and he talked to the teacher. She said that when she took the job she had heard that the school was lacking in discipline and she vowed to make an example of the first student she even saw whispering - which happened to be me. She eased off a bit after that and she was one of the better teachers. I believe it was during the second year of teaching she fell off a chair while winding the school clock and broke her leg. A substitute teacher finished out the year.

I was the only student enrolled in the first grade so I was pushed up into the second grade. Pete Ludwig, Leslie Taylor and Paul Peterson were the second graders. With considerable help at home, I didn't have any great problems adjusting.

Fertile Valley was at one time called Stringtown. It extended from Hall Creek, below the Emanuel Lutheran church up to and in the general area of the present upper Brownsmead road.

Children from several families in Stringtown attended grade school at District #4 when I did. Some of the names that come to mind are Henning, Ludwig, Kessler, Baron, Schulze, Stein, Stanfield and Teeges.

These children walked on a trail through the woods to the Johnson home where Clifford Johnson and Elmer Johnson now live. From there they walked a high boardwalk over the tideland to the Warren Slough swinging bridge, thence along a trail which connected with the Knappa county road by the Union Hall. Another trail made a shortcut through the ferns directly toward the school instead of going by way of the hall.

Schools

I will mention briefly five grade schools in the Knappa area, only one of which still stands. Two were no longer in use in 1910.

The only school building still standing is the oldest of the group. It is a small building on the hill in lower Knappa, across the road from the home of Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hughes. Mrs. Katherine McIntyre's mother, Mary Johnson, Aunt Anna Johnson and Uncle Carl Johnson all attended this school while they were members of the Johnson family living at Eddy Point. Carl was the father of Clifford Johnson and Elmer Johnson. My Aunt Polly (Mary Dawson) was a teacher at this school before I was born.

The second oldest school was a small one room building situated near the present Vinson shop. It was no longer in use when we moved to Knappa but still remained standing for quite a few years. The Bagley brothers, Walter and Luis Bagley, and Fred Sture were among those who attended this school.

Other, slightly more modern schools were District #4 in lower Knappa, District #16 (Fairview) in central Knappa by Nicolai Little League Field and Hillcrest school in back country Knappa.

DA 8-9-1992 **Eighty Something, Close Bonds endure**

When Jim Elliott began school in 1914, he leaped right into second grade - no one else showed up for the first grade.

Now as he sits seating lunch with his surviving schoolmates, the handicap has become an advantage. At 84, Elliott is the youngest member of the Knappa High School

class of 1925.

“He was always the class comedian,” remarks his former teacher Margaret Morgan Hawkins, 92, who is seated at his side.

The class, their spouses, their children and their teacher have gathered at the home of their classmate, Edna Carlson and her daughter Judi Rudolphi.

Her mother’s high school class has been gathering once a year for the last several decades she says. “I think it’s wonderful they can get together,” she says, grinning at the group seated in her living room, overlooking the John Day River.

Elliott Carlson, Marna Forseth and Katherine McIntire are four of the surviving members of the class. They live near one another and they relish their gatherings. Though out the afternoon they tell funny stories, laugh at each other’s jokes, and reminisce about former schoolmates who have passed away.

There was William Puustinen, Forseth remembers, who “used to study so hard the perspiration just used to run off him.”

There was Hilda Lahti, whom Elliott remembers not as a grade school, but as his grade school teacher and principal.

Then there was that first school bus - an open backed truck with an oil stove that kept them warm in the winter, And that time the basketball teams were coming home from a game in Ilwaco and their boat got stuck on a sandbar. “They took us off the island in a boat,” Hawkins remembers.

They had lots of parties in those days, remembers McIntire. They played games like “Hide the Thimble”, all but one person goes out of the room, the thimble is hidden, and the rest of the party looks for it. “Spin the Bottle” was popular too.

When they got to be juniors and seniors, they went to dances at the Knappa dance hall and the Svensen Grange Hall. They also spent time at basketball and volleyball games.

MacIntire also remembers freshman initiation was less than pleasant. Upperclassmen wrote “Frosh” on their foreheads with lye that ate away the skin. “Some had scars for a long time after that” she says. They also blindfolded them, hoisted them up on a board and made them jump off.

Those rites were curtailed after their freshman year because so many kids dropped out as a result of them. “We had started out with a pretty good sized class,” she remembers.

When they graduated, men and women alike went into the workforce. Carlson earned money working at the Ecola Hotel in Cannon Beach each summer to go to Astoria Business College. That training earned her a job at the Troy Laundry chain. MacIntire worked as a teacher and principal in Knappa for 40 years.

Forseth, who worked in the Astoria canneries after her youngest child turned 13, dropped out of high school as a sophomore. There were six boys at home, all younger than she and the household needed her help. She adds that she wasn’t as bright as her classmates who finished school, but at 87, her quick mind is still serving her well.

The group has seen nearly three quarters of a century. When Forseth moved to John Day, there were no bridges and they got everywhere by foot or by boat. MacIntire’s husband, who was a few classes behind the others, jokes that when he entered school, he didn’t even know what a town was.

They comment on a lack of discipline in today’s schools. When they reached high school, their teacher Hawkins says, - they were already disciplined.” Parents also seemed to

support teachers more than they do now, they say.

They don't glorify everything. A number of the women here wish they had as many choices in life as women today do. Hawkins, who went on to become dean at Pacific University in Forest Grove, remembered rules for teachers in the 1920s - no husbands and no apartments of their own.

But the group agrees that the changes over the years - horses giving way to cars, Hawkins red curls giving way to gray - have not altered the feel of this place where they grew up together.

Clatsop county School Directory, 1942-43

District No. 4, Con., Knappa

School census 204	Enrollment 117
Valuation \$446,904	Tax levy, 6.2
Transportation, yes	Term, 9 months
Joel Sarkie	Chairman
R. A. Dupont	director 2 yrs
Ray Wait	director 3 yrs
Mrs. Hildred Meyer	Clerk
Hilda Lahti, principal	\$125.00
Tena Martens	\$95.00
Katherine Salvon	\$95.00
Kathleen Morgan	\$95.00

HILLCREST SCHOOL

Established about 1914? District #31. located Knappa area, near Columbia Highway, nine miles east of Astoria. Elementary grades. Consolidated April 25, 1936 with #4.

Shannon Westerholm, interview-Fairview school was located on the present Hillcrest Loop road, near what is now the Nicolai Little League field. It no longer is standing.

ADB 9-17-1914:5

Every school in the county consisting of six in the city and 38 outside is now holding sessions and each will continue not less than six months, while the majority will be in session for 9 or 10 months. A splendid corps of teachers is said to have been employed and the indications for a successful term are most encouraging. On Tuesday morning County School superintendent Byland visited the school in district #31 at Hillcrest and assisted in dedicating the new building. This structure is a two room building which cost about \$5000 and is one of the most up-to-date in the county, so far as arrangement, heating, lighting and ventilation are concerned. There are about 50 pupils attending this school, the teachers being Miss Theresa Kurtenbach and Miss Olga Everett. The board of directors consist of John Conroy, and Thos. Bush, while Addie Akerstedt is clerk. The superintendent also visited district #22 at Svensen and reports it is in first class condition. The building is a comparatively new one of two rooms and a complete new heating and ventilation plant has been installed. About 67 pupils are attending and the teachers are Miss Blanche Foster and Miss Gertrude Couillard. The board of director consists of J. R. Dunsmoor, G. L. Hills, and

Nels Simonson with S. J. McIntire, clerk.

DA 9-27-1960 **Old Hillcrest School Reunion Revives, Memories of Lantern Light Era**

A reunion of former pupils and teachers of the old Hillcrest school was held at the Knappa community hall recently with about 150 people attending the big potluck picnic lunch.

On the wall were bulletin boards where pictures of former students and teachers had been posted for reminiscing. Mrs. Louise Taylor, a former Hillcrest teacher, was re-elected by the "chairman" of the board, Harold Akersteadt, to take over the schoolroom for the afternoon. The flag salute was followed by the reading of the school's history by Mrs. Velma Vlastelicia, a former pupil of the school, which was followed by group singing of the "old songs" by all the participants with Mrs. Katherine Salvon, another former teacher, playing the piano.

The first Hillcrest school, district #31, was built in 1905 on land now owned by Ross Van Osdol, on the edge of a clearing by a logging camp that belonged to Billy Hall and George Solds. There were about 18 children enrolled; John, David, Madeline, Sam, Jake, Chris, Henry and Elizabeth from the Pfund family; Paul and Nealie Rose; Maud Cole; Orville, Claude, Eva and Jenny Gillete; Ethel and Marion Sloop, and Ethel Brewer.

The school's first teacher was Miss Jessie Reese, followed by Miss Ethel Gerding and then by Miss Emma Knudsen.

This first building burned down in 1910 as a result of a brush fire that started at Bill Bush's place and finally burned itself out over at Walluski. Another building was erected in almost the same place in the same year of the fire. A Miss Eilertson was the beginning teacher in the new building, followed by Miss Margaret Nielsen, who suggested to the pupils that they choose and vote on a name for the school. Jake Pfund's choice, Hillcrest, was the name chosen for the little school by the logging camp. Miss Nielsen is a retired teacher living in Astoria at the present.

Miss Gertrude Couillard was the next teacher for two years with 20 to 30 pupils enrolled with the prospect of more coming, which was really too many for the little building and one teacher. Land was being cleared and families were moving in, so it was decided to build a new two-room school. There were lots of raised eyebrows over the cost - \$1400! That was a lot of money in those days. Gamble and Johnson were the carpenters who boarded with the Akersteadt's while they were working on the building.

Miss Ida Conroy was the first janitor, as they were called in those days. Tom Bush, Henry Kessler and Jim Conroy were on the school board, with Miss Addie Akersteadt as the clerk. The new school had 31 pupils, instructed by Miss Olga Everett in the "little room" and Miss Teresa Kurtenbach in the "big room".

The old one-room building was sold to Henry Laurila, who moved it by hand winch to the land now owned by Felix Dorvinen. Enrollments changed through the years, more or less. Programs were enjoyed at night by lamplight, with parents walking in the muddy roads to the programs at night, and carrying lanterns to light the way to the schoolhouse. Picnics were the highlights on the last day of school, along with the eighth grade exercises.

Then in 1935, the teachers, Miss Bertha Crowley and Mrs Louise Taylor, discovered a fire in the building and about 35 pupils were marched out to safety to watch the building burn to the ground. And so the Hillcrest pupils were again without a school. They were sent

to the Svensen grade school to finish the school year. There were three grade school districts in Knappa then, Hillcrest, Fairview and Lower Knappa. After the Hillcrest fire, it was decided to consolidate the three districts.

And so, with an addition to the Fairview building and school bus purchases for the transportation of the children, there was only one school in the place of the three. And thus ended the Hillcrest school district 31.

There were six of the former Hillcrest teachers who attended the reunion; Louise Kindred Taylor, from Lebanon, Beth Kindred Grove from Tacoma, Katherine McPherson Salvon, Knappa; Margaret Smith Ebsen, Lewis and Clark; Bertha Crowley Brinkert, Grass Valley, and Hildred Wright Meyer, Knappa. There were about 32 former pupils who came with their families.

Pictures were taken to remember the day and many stories were recalled over the old school days. Mrs Ebsen was the oldest teacher, John Pfund was the oldest pupil, and Mrs Brinkert came the longest way for the reunion. Louise Taylor and Beth Grove, former sister teachers at Hillcrest, brought a large sheet cake, decorated with a red schoolhouse, dates and names. Mrs Taylor also identified each guest with name cards pinned to them as they arrived and signed the guest book.

Out of town 'pupils' who signed the guest book for the reunion were Mr. And Mrs. John Grove, Tacoma, Mr. And Mrs. Leslie Taylor, Lebanon, Mrs. Bud Brinkert and son, Grass Valley, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Bitz, Tigard, Mr. And Mrs. Waino Hill, Toledo, Mr. And Mrs. Hugo Hill, Vernonia, Mr. And Mrs. Clarence Gordon, Oswego, Mr. And Mrs. Henry Pfund, Oregon city, Mr. And Mrs. Gus Nelson, Warren, Mrs. Arthur Erickson, Mrs. Sam Goldenberg, Mrs. Edna Gordon, Mrs. Sadie Santee, Mrs. Mary Hoy, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Pfund, Mr. And Mrs. George Vosnick, Mr. And Mrs. Gordon Coleman, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Peters, and Mr. And Mrs. Eric Carlson all from Portland. Mr. And Mrs. Wesley Pfund, Gearhart, Mr. and Mrs. Uno Kosekela, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Koppish, Mrs. Marion Ebsen, Mrs. Ruth Peldo and Sewell Conroy, Astoria and Mrs. Nancy Gray, Warrenton.

It was decided by all present to have the reunion again in 1961 in the same place on the last Sunday in July, with potluck lunch, and more pictures for reminiscing.

Hillcrest History Velma Vlastelicia

The Victor Olson's home was later owned by Rueben Ala, was just west of Felix Dorvinen's place. Felix's house is the old District 31 one room schoolhouse. Victor and his brother Roy were sons of Peter Olson, a native of Stockholm, Sweden, who with his wife from Penn. homesteaded 180 acres tract of land from the Hunt road in Svensen to the Conroy road in Hillcrest. This family lived in what is now the Walter Aarnio place but Victor and his wife of German and Norwegian ancestry built their home in the east end of his father's homestead where his four children, Nora (Dunsmoor) Rose (Benton), Mildred (Johnson) and Victor attended the two-room Hillcrest school.

Letter, Feb. 1992
Robert & Katherine McIntyre

Mrs Morrell,

This is not a write-up, but just some highlights. I do not recall the dates for many of these changes and buildings.

Knappa Schools- Late 1880 - early 1900s

Little Black school in lower Knappa, a one room school. The White school near old highway 30 close to what is now the county shops and Vinson Brothers Construction. Three two room schools were built in lower Knappa District #4 and another built in upper Knappa District #16 called Fairview School.

Then between Knappa & Svensen but still Knappa area, called Hillcrest District 31. This Hillcrest school burned down in 1930's. Pupils were housed at Svensen Grade school District 22 until consolidations of schools began.

In late 30's and early '40s consolidation began. All Knappa grade schools, Svensen school and Brownsmead school became consolidated School district #4. All elementary pupils were housed at the old Fairview school, which in previous years had been remodeled into 4 rooms. Before the consolidation of these schools, around 1917, Knappa & Svensen schools were consolidated where the newer school now stands. This consolidated school was named Knappa-Svensen Union High school.

Many years later, a new high school was built and after that a new Elementary school now known as Hilda Lahti El. School. Named after Hilda Lahti who had been principal for years in the school system.

All the Elementary grades except the grades first and second grades attended the new el. School. These two grades remained at the Fairview school, which became known as the Knappa Primary school. Will add that I, Katherine (Salvon) McIntyre, was principal for 20 years of Knappa Primary. My total No. of years as teacher and principal in the Knappa Svensen area totaled 40 years.

In 1968, these 2 primary grades were moved up to the new elementary school where grades 6 thru 8 were -- near the high school.

Later all the schools in Knappa consolidated with all the Clatskanie area schools and now known as Columbia county 5J.

We are centralized in the same location with grades kindergarten thru 12th.

Sorry this is such a mess, but hope it will give you a little history of our schools. I am enclosing a write up that Velma Vlastelicia wrote on the little school up in the woods, which I think might be of interest.

Katherine McIntyre

Hagglund School, Wickiup Mountain
Constructed about 1907 on Hagglund land.

Alder Patch News, Nov 1976

-----donated by John Hagglund out of his new acreage, the last teacher was Miss Couillard. But new families were moving into the area: Kessler, Niemelin, Maki, Hill, Tripp. Conroy, Pfund, Koppisch and others. So, a larger school was needed. A lovely two-room building with a large basement for playing out of the rain, large water cooler on the back



Hagglund School

Daily Astorian Photo

COLUMBIA RIVER

PRAIRIE CHANNEL

SVENSON

Columbia River Highway

HAGGLUND SCHOOL

Hillcrest Road





Fairview School 1934-5

Mr. Fisher

Harvard School

Dist #16

1984-1985

Back Row L to R

William Black "Bill" 8th
Rodney Cummings 7th
Margaret Lewis Upper Grades
William "Bill" Johnson 8th
Edith Angberg Lower Grades

2nd Row L to R

Dwain Johnson 7th
Gerald Warner 7th

3rd Row L to R

James Melan "Jimmy" 8th
Ray Johnson 7th
Margaret Marice 7th
Helen Newberg 7th
Steven Bagley 8th

4th Row L to R

Fred Crawley 6th
Virginia Chamberlain 6th
Richard "Bud" Mattoon 6th
Claudia Merrill 6th
Helen Chamberlain 5th
Shirley Johnson 5th

5th Row L to R

Bernice Venson 8th
Jimmy Venson 5th
Jack Wells 4th
Francis Bagley 3rd
"Corky" Dillion 1st
Aldred Bagley

6th Row

Dale Johnson 8th
Norene Boyd 7th
Wallace Johnson
Gill Wells
Leonard Crawley
Clara Cummings

7th Row Front

Pauline Beach
Richard Johnson
Roberta Mulkey 3rd
Wayne Beach
Helen Macys
Dickie Dylund
Helen Johnson
Fred Venson

porch with well water, and two outdoor rest rooms was completed in 1914. Miss Theresa Kurtenbach was the "big room" teacher and Miss Olga Everett was the "little room" teacher. Three of the mountain school pupils, Charlie, Edna and Sadie Hagglund, were in the new school's first 8th grade graduation class. The new Union High school had been built in 1916 and Sadie and Edna often stayed at Akerstedt's in order to attend the high school.

In 1919, Jennie Hagglund Santee passed away, leaving her five children without a mother, the youngest not quite 2 yrs old. Sadie quit school and went to take care of her sister's children. She eventually became Mrs. Santee and had three children of her own.

DA 12-28-1976:5

"Retired School Teacher finds Knappa School One Room Schoolhouse Rediscovered" (Velma Vlastelicia's search into the history of Hillcrest school has produced more Knappa-Svensen history than the retired school teacher expected to uncover.)

Her Hillcrest account in the Knappa community letter, the Alder patch, stirred the memory of Svensen resident Fred Sold and started Mrs. Vlastelicia on another historical search and started to "find" a 1908 one room school on Wickiup mountain.

Mrs. V. says county records of the school known as *School District No. 27 were lost when the Clatsop county courthouse burned in 1911. Sold remembers hearing of a school high up in the mountains and that his grandfather, Thomas Bush had been a member of the school district. He also remembered the names of two pupils.

That was all Mrs. V. needed to come up with some history and photos of the one room school built in 1907 on a trail between two farm homes. Mrs. V. well versed in much of the local history, obtained most of her information on the Wickiup mountain school from one of the pupils Sold named, Sadie Hagglund Santee.

Mrs. Santee, now living in Portland told Mrs. V. the school was located on a trail between the August "Gus" Hagglund homestead and John Hagglund's farm on the side of the mountain.

A "Last Day of School" souvenir loaned to Mrs. V. by Mrs. Santee lists nine students in 1908. Jennie Hagglund, Idah, Hagglund, Alaric Hagglund, Sadie Hagglund and Edna Hagglund, all children of Gus Hagglund and Albert Hagglund, Ellen Hagglund, Hulda Hagglund and Charlie Hagglund of the John Hagglund family.

The souvenir presented to the students by teacher J. R. Santee, listed the board members as Bush, Andrew Carlson, and the two Hagglunds.

Mrs V. has been able to determine that the other teachers at the school were Margaret McNeelson, Olga Moor, Alma Randonlon, a man named Fairwell and Miss Couillard, probably the school's last teacher. As new families moved into the area, a new and larger school was built in 1914 in another location. Charlie, Edna and Sadie Hagglund were in the first eighth grade graduating class at the new school.

Mrs. V. says she isn't sure if the one room school of District #27 is still standing, but that she had been told it was there ten years ago, complete with its outdoor privy.

She says she wouldn't be surprised to see it still standing since it was constructed of handmade lumber by the Hagglunds.

She says the Gus Hagglund farm, once dotted with fruit trees, has long been deserted and is now overgrown with brush, but the John Hagglund farm is now owned by a Bradley family.

For Mrs. V. the job of rediscovering history is satisfaction enough. She says she doesn't need to know if the school is still there.

(*district # 27 was Green Mountain School in the Olney area.)

Jim Santee- Telephone interview, Oct 31, 1991

My grandfather, J. R. Santee taught at the Hagglund school. It was a single room, clapboard, with a pot belly stove in the center of the room. The duties of the teacher included, splitting the wood, cleaning up the school and getting the water, as well as teaching the pupils. J. R. Santee's brother, Fred Santee was also a teacher in the Knappa area. (At the time of the interview, his aunt, Edna was 90 years old, blind and very frail. He got some information from her. (Received from him, photo of the Hagglund school and of James Ralph Santee, obituaries of Dr. John Frederick Santee, who died Dec 10, 1967 in Vancouver, WA., and his brother, J. Ralph, who died Dec 11, 1967.)

Big Creek School

Big Creek school was a logging camp school, built to be loaded on a flatcar and moved by railroad. It was operating in the 1920s. The Big Creek Logging company began operation in 1912.

AB 3-2-1931:8

Mrs. R. J. Johnson of Knappa said that the Indians called Big Creek "Tillusqua" and Little Creek "JigJig". Her family had come to Knappa in 1874 when there were only 21 white men of voting age and six white women in the district.

In June 1938 a forest fire began at Big Creek and by July had spread to Northrup Creek area. In 1942 the company sold off the scrap left at the camp. Useful equipment and personnel moved to Roaring River. The shift included at least thirty families.

Marjorie Knapp taught at Big Creek from March to August of 1920.

AB 5-8-1923:5 New Teachers

Notices have been received at the county school superintendent's off that the school at Big Creek Logging company camp #3 was opened for the summer term yesterday with Miss Ida Colby as teacher.

Svensen, District No. 22

Located on Market Road, consolidated with #4, 14 May, 1947. Ten miles east of Astoria, near Columbia Hwy. 1 mile from RR Station, play apparatus.

ADB 3-11-1901:1

The annual school meeting of district No. 22 was held at the school house in Svensen on March 4th to elect one director and a clerk. P.O. Havird was elected as director for the term of three years and Mrs. H.O. Svensen as clerk for one year. Ralph Warselly was appointed teacher.

DMA 9-5-1902:3

C.G. Palmberg secured the contract for a \$1000 school house at Svensen.

DEC 10, 1967

Dr. Santee Dies at 72

Vancouver Man Former Teacher

VANCOUVER, Wash. (Special) — Dr. Joseph Frederick Santee, 72, Vancouver, formerly professor at Oregon College of Education at Monmouth, and at University of Portland, died here Tuesday. Dr. Santee was a member of the Congregational church and was a charter member of Phi Delta Kappa, education honorary fraternity. Surviving are his widow, Alice; two sons, Donald, Salem, Or.; Harold, Portland; two brothers, Alvah, Ashland, Or.; Ralph, Portland; three sisters, Mrs. Laura Bennett, Ashland; Miss Eva Santee, Vancouver; Mrs. Florence Whalin, Oakland, Cal., and four grandchildren.

Service will be 1 p. m. Friday at Vancouver Funeral chapel.

Dr. Santee left Oregon College of Education in 1949 after reaching the automatic retirement age set by the state system of higher education. For three years thereafter he was on the faculty at University of Portland, conducting classes in education in elementary schools.

He was the author of scores of articles on education. Previous of his OCE appointment Dr. Santee had held teaching and administrative positions in various elementary and high schools in Oregon.

He was a graduate of Oregon State college with additional work at University of Oregon, University of Colorado and Stanford university and with a doctorate in education from University of Washington.

Dr. J. F. Santee

The passing of Dr. J. F. Santee in Vancouver last Tuesday will kindle memories for many valley residents and the thousands of young people who trained to become teachers at the Oregon College of Education during his quarter of a century of service there. Dr. Santee is remembered as a scholarly but kindly and approachable man whose sense of humor and gift for pantomime together with a rich fund of American anecdotes made his classes in history physically stimulating and intellectually rewarding.

A thoroughgoing realist, his satire sheared the cloak of legend from American heroes and made them live as real people who contributed significantly to America's growth. In addition to history, he was conversant in fields of economics, government, international relations, languages, professional education and Oregon history. In the latter two areas he made frequent and significant contributions to the professional literature of his time.

It is unfortunate his period of service antedated television in this region for his spare figure, droll wit and dry chuckle would have made him a natural as a lecturer in that medium. — J. H.

The Santee brothers both taught in the Clatsop County Schools.

Dec. 11, 1967

Oregonian

JAMES R. SANTEE

Funeral for James R. Santee, 4215 NE 20th Ave., will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday at Gateway Little Chapel of the Chimes, with vault entombment in Lincoln Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Mr. Santee, who died Sunday at a local hospital, was born Sept. 12, 1890, at Altamont, Kan. He moved with his parents to Clark County, Wash., in 1903.

A Portland resident since 1910, Mr. Santee retired in 1961 as credit manager for Sunset Fuel Co. He was a bookkeeper for Multnomah County School District No. 1 from 1910 to 1920.

He was a member and served on the board of the Retail Credit Association.

Survivors include the wife, Sadie M.; sons, Kenneth R., Portland; Marine Lt. Col.

Robert E., Salem, serving in Vietnam, and Gordon H., Santa Barbara, Calif.; daughters, Evelyn Santee-Latourette and Mrs. Genevieve Hansen, both Portland, and Mrs. Dorothy Oswald, Long Beach, Calif., and sisters, Miss Eva Santee, Vancouver; Mrs. Florence Whalin, Oakland, Calif., and Mrs. Laura Bennett, St. Helena, Calif.

The family suggests that remembrances be contributions to the Shriners Hospital for Crippled Children or another charitable organization.

DMA 3-10-1903 :3

Astoria supplies school teachers for most of the surrounding county. Miss Ida Gustafson has gone to Clatskanie to teach and Miss Nellie Gerding has engaged to take charge of the school at Svensen.

DMA 4-16-1903:3

Miss Annie Carlson (is teaching) the school at Bear Creek, and Miss Nellie Gerding at Svensen.

ADB 6-25-1904 :1

A. B. Coe was down from Svensen today looking for a school teacher for District 23. Miss Mary O'Conner who has filled the position has resigned. There are 47 pupils in the school.

ADB 12-22-1908:6

Notice was received today that school district No. 31 near Svensen has made a levy of seven mills and school district No. 8 at Jewell has made a levy of three mills.

ADB 11-3-1909:6

The term of school in District 31 at Svensen was commenced on Monday under the supervision of Miss Carrie Eilertson, who has been the teacher there during the past two years.

Miss Warren, county school superintendent has received about 500 books from the state board for the libraries at the various schools in the county. The books, many of which are standard works of reference, will be ready for distribution among the several districts in about ten days.

ADB 3-13-1912:6

The rural school in district 31 at Svensen will close tomorrow after a most successful term under the supervision of Miss Margaret Nielson as teacher.

ADB 10-15-1914:6

School district #31 at Svensen was the first one in Clatsop county to take steps to relieve the individual families in the district of at least some of the burden imposed by the school book trust. District #4 at Knappa is now taking similar action and it is understood the lead will be followed by other districts throughout the county under a provision of the school law, any rural district may upon a vote of the taxpayers purchase the textbooks required with the district funds and loan them to the respective pupils, the books remain the property of the district and to be under the charge of the teacher.

Several weeks ago the taxpayers in Svensen district voted to adopt this plan and the district in Knappa recently took similar action. The furnishing of textbooks under prevailing prices and conditions is a heavy burden upon many families and in fact more than some of them are able to bear. By having the district purchase the books this burden will be distributed. Several of the districts in the county have perfected arrangements to provide free transportation for the pupils to and from the school. Among these which have the services in

effect are District #4 and #16 at Knappa, #22 and #31 at Svensen, #2 at Skipanon, #10 at Seaside and #36 at Necanicum.

Superintendent's ledger-Teachers, No. 22, Svensen

1913-14 Edna B. Seraw (Straw?), Veronica Cotter

1914-15 Gertrude Couillard, Blanche Foster (Mrs.)

1915-16 same as above plus Nellie M. Gardener (Mrs.)

1916-18 G. Coulliard, Blanche Coe (Mrs.), Nellie Gardener, Irene Riley

1918-19 Anna Studly, Martha Larson, Jessie Armstrong.

1920-21 Florence Bennett (Mrs.), E. L. Larson, Gladys Nelson, Elsa A. Larson, Olive Wethern, Ida Colby, Gladys Marden.

ADB 3-30-1915:6

The residents of School district No. 31 at Svensen are considering a plan of establishing a union high school there to include a number of districts in the vicinity. While the plan is yet only in its preliminary stages a meeting was held yesterday afternoon at which Superintendent Byland and District Attorney Mullins explained fully what steps are necessary to make the plan effective. The idea advanced is not to join the school districts, but to erect a high school building entirely distinct from the grades schools at some central point in the territory involved and have it built supported by the several districts. That section of the county is being settled up rapidly at the present time, quite a number of families have recently located there and the intention is to provide the best school facilities possible.

ADB 7-19-1916:5

Jacob Edison who has just received two contracts for building a school house in the Stewart Meadows district of Lewis and Clark and at Svensen, OR will commence work on Monday morning on both contracts. Mr. Edison stated this morning that there is a scarcity of good labor. Carpenters are needed at various jobs in the city. Mr. Edison has several positions to offer competent men.

AEB 9-13 1923 :8

The contract that Roy Olson had for putting wood in the basement for Svensen school district No. 22 has been completed and accepted.

AB 6-29-1925:4

Burnside news- the annual school meeting of the Union High School No.2 was held at the high school Monday evening and was well attended. S. J. McIntyre was elected director at large to serve three years. J.S. Conroy from district No. 31 elected to serve four years. Jack Nelman from district No. 22 was elected to serve five years and Mrs J. W. Angberg was reappointed clerk of the district.

School directory 1942-43

District No. 22, Svensen, Route 2, Astoria

School census 120

enrollment 77

Valuation, \$286,230	Tax Levy 14.2
Transportation, yes	term, 9 months
S. Findal	chairman
T. Puustinen	director 2 yrs
E. S. Biddle	director 3 yrs
Mrs. Louise Lyon	district clerk
Warren McGowan, principal	\$121.00
Ivy Cole	\$99.00
Dorothy Smith	\$93.00

Letter, Oct 28, 1991- H.C. Nelson

Dear Mrs Morrell,

I recently read Mary Ellen Scofield's article in the Daily Astorian covering your research on schools in Clatsop county. Perhaps I may add a few pieces of information of interest to you,

As a background of myself I offer the following. My parents were both natives of the Astoria area. I attended the Alderbrook Grade school at 51st and Leif Ericson Drive, present street names, for grades 1-2-3 from 1925-27. The building is gone. Teachers were Anne Lewis, Ruth Wirth and Miss Shea. Anne Lewis had previously taught school in the Svensen area. My father Oscar was a student of hers. She later became Clatsop County School Supt. What stands out in my memory was her beautiful handwriting. The Palmer method was taught during this period. Miss Lewis was also a very warm and pleasant person. I considered her as one of my favorite teachers. She made you feel she had a great deal of interest in your learning process. Perhaps that is one of the reasons she was honored to be elected the highest educating position in the county.

My parents were transferred to Camas, WA for my 1928 school year. Returning to Astoria I completed my grades 5-9 at Central school at 10th and Jerome. The name was later changed to Lewis & Clark, I understand the building has been demolished. Mr. Branstator was principal.

My next grades 10-13 were completed at Astoria High on Jerome and 16th, 1936, the present site of Community College. Mr. Ed Towler was principal and A.C. Hampton was Supt. of the district. I believe a few of the teachers are still living including Marjorie Halderman in Astoria and George Emigh (coach) in Portland

The enclosed souvenir (copy) of Sophie Anderson, teacher at Svensen should be of interest as it goes back to 1907-8. One of the students Oliver Dunsmoor is still living in Svensen. Perhaps he could furnish you with interesting history.

Sophie Anderson was the daughter of Andrew Anderson from the Lewis & Clark area. Sisters were Esther, Laura and Victoria (Tura) Anderson.

Laura married Fritz Elfing who in 1922 pioneered the ferry service between Astoria and Pt. Ellice-Megler-McGowan before the Interstate Bridge was built.

Andrew Anderson's brother Lexon Anderson had three daughters, Nellie, Mary Jane and Selma Anderson. Nellie was a school teacher at Chadwell, Lewis & Clark, Tucker Creek, Birkenfeld and Mist. She retired upon marrying Owen Heckard about 1916-17; still residing in the Lewis & Clark area. All are deceased. Her son Arthur Heckard lives in

Portland. We attended Central and Astoria High together. He intends to gather some old photos of his mother's period.

Hopefully you will find this of interest. My best wishes for a successful & rewarding completion of your project.

Sincerely,

Harold "Harry" Nelson

p.s. I almost forgot to mention that Sophie Anderson married August Nelson, brother to my father Oscar Nelson. Another brother was Charles Nelson. All three attended school in the Svensen area. I believe they all completed 8 grades. I recall my father saying he left school after 8 grades. That was not uncommon in the county (rural areas). The three brothers all commenced work in the logging camps in Svensen. Bull teams were still used. I had a picture of my father standing beside the team about 1902.

Interview, Frank McIntyre

Feb 14, 1994

My uncle Sam McIntyre was on the school board in Svensen area for many years. Some teachers I remember were Gladys Nelson and Miss Couillard. Then there was Irene Rolle, we called her Miss Rolly-Polly, but not to her face. And Miss Blanchard we called Bow-legged Blanchard. There was a window in the school that had been stuck shut for years. The mailman came one day and honked his horn. Miss Blanchard went to the window and heaved it open and called out "Is it C.O.D.?" Boy, was she strong !

There was a couple boys, Carl Arno and Paul Forbes that like to heckle the teacher. They'd pry at the desk until the screws were loose, then sit on the floor. Or put their shoes on the wrong feet. She finally said, "o.k. - wear them that way all day !"

Brownsmead, District #39

Established 7/31/1917, Located near Brownsmead Station on SP&S railroad, 16 miles east of Astoria, general store and post office. Consolidated Apr 10, 1946 with 7 Jt.

The first post office in the area was called Albert after Albert Borglund.. It operated from 1901-1913. It was located at the cross roads of Aldrich Point Road and Brownsmead Dike Road. The mail was changed to Blind Slough in 1913, then to Brodie in 1915. That name was later changed to Brownsmead for Will Brown, dike builder. Early on, the area was divided into the "hill country" and the "island", which was surrounded by water. With dikes and bridges, the good pasture and crop land attracted new settlers. Much of the traveling in the neighborhood was done by boat. They were able to catch the train from the store that could take them to Astoria or Portland, but many of their supplies were delivered by boat and might be unloaded on the dike near the homestead. Deliveries by the train might call for a wagon trip to the depot in order to get them home.

Helen Barendse wrote several pages on the history of this area. See her piece on the consolidations of the schools.

Ida Curtis Butler (Mrs. Frank Butler) kept a diary for many years. Copies of the diary history were typed by a descendant and were given to family members and others like the historical society. Her family was very involved in the first school in Brownsmead. Her daughter Elma, married Emil Eiler. It seems the first session of school was held in their home which was moved on rollers to a new site. Later a building was constructed just for

Early Brownsmead School, Dist. #39

1919-1924, new school (later the Brownsmead Store) was built in 1924, used as the gym from 1924 until consolidation with Knappa in 1947. Still standing today on the Schultztz/Moore Farm as a cattle feeding shed. (Clarence Barendse)



Brownsmead

Elen Rauhala Frost (Back Row)

1st Row

Jon Westerholm

Jim Allen

Charlie Gerttula

Carol Gerttula

Eileen Barendse

Joan Fish

Palma Barendse

2nd Row

Norman Reckman

Johnny Gerttula

Carolyn Allen

Shirley Salmi (Johnson)

Dorothy Fish

Virginia Piekkari

Bottom

Jimmy Tufts Jerry Tufts Eddie Ritala Ron Barendse
Charlotte Vanderwelt Adrienne Vanderwelt





BROWNS MEAD SCHOOL - 1934

school purposes. I have excerpted some entries that Ida wrote about the school. They give a good picture of what was entailed in starting a new school, with all the small details, day by day.

"1916, Oct 26, Frank went to Astoria to look up school matters with Mr. Butterfield and Mr. Arnet. . . . He told us about their talk with the school superintendent and county court in relation to our new school on the island. We can have it; notwithstanding the opposition of the Blind Slough faction of the district.

Oct 21, We had an early dinner and then got ready to go with Mr. Rosasco in his good boat to the school meeting at Blind Slough. All our neighbors went. We will have to divide the district fund and have our own school house as the district over there are unwilling to pay transportation charges for our school children.

Oct 29, Emil's offer of school house is accepted and it is to be ready by Nov. 16, also 6 cords of wood @ \$3.00 per cord to be furnished in good time for use. The teacher Miss Burgogon will board at Mrs. Allen's.

Nov 5, Emil has been working around his building foundation.

Nov 7, This is election day and Frank went with Mr. Allen and Mr. Wallace over the school house to vote for President of the U.S. It will be several days before we get official returns of entire votes.

Nov. 10, the men are still at work on the building, getting it ready to move.

Nov. 11, The men were putting the rollers on the house, ready to move it the first of the week.

Nov 13, The men have been blocking up and moving the house; have it on the road opposite Mr. Wallace's place. Probably be two more days to get it up on the Dike on it's foundation.

Nov. 15, the men moved the house up on the Dike and out in front of the foundation today. Elma drove Kate on the rope. All hands very tired tonight.

Nov. 16, Well, well, at last the school house is moved onto the foundation. Mr. Wallace helped all day. It will keep the men very busy, to get the building ready for school next Monday.

Nov. 17, Frank and Emil at work on house, cutting out door and window openings suitable for school house. Emil did the hauling of finish lumber from their place and Elma carried it in to the house where Papa was using it. Hope the building will be ready for school Monday.

Nov. 19, The men have been doing carpenter work all day, and did not get the school house ready anyway. Mr. Arnet brought the school teacher over to Mr. Allen's this afternoon. She came and looked at the school house, then came in here to try to get a boarding place here; don't know how she will get located. Mrs. Allen seems to be unable to furnish Miss. McDonald with a private room, don't know what can be done.

Nov 20, The men are still working on the school house. Miss McDonald called school this morning in the basement and gave out the list of books needed. Seven little girls from Blind Slough came to visit school.

Nov 21, the men still working on school house. Miss McDonald holds school in the basement in the mornings. The room is ready for school in the morning – that is nothing more can be done 'till material and seats come. There are 5 old double seats in use now. Mrs. Brown and her little girl came to see Miss McD. about school books for the little girl.

Elma and Emil cleared out the school house this evening so as to be ready in the morning.

Nov 22, the men did some work on the school house in the morning and moved the toilet up from the "Walworth" place to the school house.

Nov 24, Frank went to Wauna this morning to order lumber for fences and some window frames for school house.

Dec. 1, the men have been working a little in the school room in the morning. Mr. Arnett and Mr. Butterfield set the new school seats.

Dec. 3, Emil has been working on his school house. Mr. Arnett and Mr. Butterfield helped too. They finished putting up the blackboards, setting the seats and putting up more stove pipe. The flag Pole is set and in order. Miss McDonald, the teacher is coming back tonight – pretty stormy too.

1917, August 18, School Meeting day...Frank has brought his work around so as to give all attention to the School Meeting this afternoon, which was held at Mr. Butterfield's house. The directors and clerk were elected as follows for our district No. 39; F.E. Butler, Mr. Barendse, and J. Howard Butterfield, clerk of the district - C.W. Wallace. All the neighbors turned out en masse.

August 19, Mr. Wallace is sworn in as clerk of the board. Frank is chairman of directors and all were present - they went out to the R. Road Station at Brody and located the site for the school house.

August. 20, After dinner he (Frank) and Mr. Wallace took a row boat and went over to see Mr. Gurtela about being one of the bondsmen for our District school Clerk.

August 28, Frank, Mr. Butterfield, Barendse and Mr. Wallace went down to the station to meet the School Boards of the other districts in this section that are effected by this change of boundaries. No. 23 did not send anyone so the agreement was made to appear at the County Superintendent's office, re- effect a settlement of the assets of the several districts on Saturday Sept. 1st.

August 29, Mr. Nelson, the road superintendent came over today to see about the little bridge and road needed to get out to the new school house site. Mr. Barendse and his boys are to do the work.

August 31, Frank went over to Mr. Barendse's to tell him of the new road work he is to do before the new school house lumber can go on the ground.

September 10, Frank. . .went over to Mr. Butterfield's this afternoon to give him the revised school house plans and specifications to submit to Mr. Byland, the County School Superintendent. If they are approved, we will get our apportionment of school money with which to build the school house this fall..

September 21, Mr. Arnett called this forenoon to leave his bid for the work of building the new school house, the other man "Oscar", left his sealed bid, yesterday, to be opened at the board meeting Saturday night.

October 7, The men came for the board meeting about two o'clock and worked the school house lumber bills, school furniture & etc. until 4:30.

October 12, Frank worked all forenoon on the roof of the new house and in the afternoon gave his whole time to school business. Mr. Case, the N.W. school furniture man came to see the board and decided upon the school furniture for Dist. No. 39. Frank, as chairman of the board, was authorized to make the selection with Mr. Case's advice, which he did.

October 25, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace came in to get some school warrants signed.

Nov 8, The school board met here this evening to decide upon the seats for the school house. Stove and other things. Mr. Butterfield was not present. Will be glad when that school is in running order. The teacher is to be notified that school will open Nov. 19.

Nov. 7, Miss Willeford came over this evening to sign her contract as teacher. Mr. Wallace as school district clerk and Frank as chairman of school board. She will open school Monday the 19th. We think she will make a very satisfactory teacher.

Nov. 19, Frank, Mr. Butterfield and Mr. Barendse, the school directors, went up to school house this morning to attend the opening of school, then did some work there. Mr. Butterfield brought over the new stove and pipes and they set up the stove, after Mr. Barendse went back to store for more pipe.

Dec. 19, Elma and Emil went over to call on the teacher at Mr. Allen's this evening. Took over the check for her first month's salary, including janitor work \$65.00, quite a neat little income.

AB 9-13-1924:4

A number of Oregon and Norway maple trees were planted on the school grounds Tuesday afternoon at a which time appropriate exercises were held by Miss Juntti and her pupils.

AB 7-2-1925:4 Brownsmead Names Two New Teachers

Miss Kate Tolonen and Mrs. D. S. Coyle have been elected for the coming term in School district No. 39. Mrs. Coyle was formerly Miss Katherine Juntti who taught here two years ago.

Mr. J. S. Wicks, architect of Astoria met here with the school board on Wednesday evening and his plans for the new school building were formally accepted. Bids are now being called for the construction of the building.

AB 6-26-1926:2

The annual meeting of school district No. 39 was held Monday evening with a good attendance. Geo. W. Emken was re-elected as director and Anna Emken was re-elected clerk. The matter of a water system for the school and district entering the Union High School district at Knappa were discussed with the voters.

AB 2-17-1927:2 Brownsmead School Director Elected

At a special meeting of the taxpayers of school district No. 39 held Thursday evening, Feb. 10, J. W. Barendse was elected as director to fill the unexpired term of Nelson Gertulla who recently resigned. At a meeting of the board of directors, held the same evening, Mrs. Ada Luota was elected as teacher of the primary grades for the remainder of the term, to fill the vacancy of Mrs. Dorothy Nobles.

History of School Soon to be Consolidated

By Helen Barendse, 1946.

Clarence Barendse papers.

Consolidation of School District #39 with Knappa District #4 marks the end of 30 consecutive years of school on the Brownsmead Island.

The first school was held in Emil Eilers' house, beginning on Nov. 20, 1916, with Miss McDonald as teacher. This newly diked and settled area was at that time a part of Blind Slough district #23. On August 18, 1917, a meeting to organize a new district was held at the home of J. Howard Butterfield. The directors elected were Butterfield, F.E. Butler, and J. W. Barendse. A one room schoolhouse was completed Nov. 1917.

The first school clerk was C.W. Wallace. He moved away late in 1917 and Mrs. Emil Eilers took over the duties. She held this office until about 1923. Mrs. Ann Emken was the next clerk and served until 1932, when Mrs. J. W. Moore served for one year. Mrs. Eugenia Allen was then elected and served until 1943, when Mrs. Helen Fowser took office.

Butler was the first school board chairman in Brownsmead. Others during the next 10 years were J.W. Barendse, J. Howard Butterfield, J.C. Sparks, W. deJong, F.C. Young and George Emken. Later ones were John Pederson, Fred Rudat, Leonard Allen, Jens A. Sorensen, Hjalmer Gettula, Roy Salmi and Albert Barendse.

Pupils in the new district during the year beginning Nov. 1917, were Adriana deJong, William deJong, Tyman deJong, Albert Barendse, Henrietta Barendse, Orvel Arnett, Irma Allen, Freda Butterfield, Frank Polombo, Russell Arnett, Beverly Brown, Eva Rosasco, Mamie Rosasco, John deJong, William Mortimer, Sophie Kangas, John Esalih, Earnest Barendse, Howard Butterfield, Marie deJong, Ernest Polombo, Josie Polombo, Ida Kangas, Fannie Manacho, John Boria and Stephen Boria.

Miss Oritae Willeford started out as teacher in the fall of 1917, but she left in March and Ida Grandberg finished the term and the next year. Marion Johnson taught for the following two years, then Jessie Chandler and Elsa Larson each taught half of the next term of 1921-22. Dewey Van was the next teacher, then Katherine Juntti in 1923-24, then Marion Johnson again for one year.

During the summer of 1925, a two room structure was built on the same site and school began in the new building Sept. 21, 1925, with Katherine Coyle as lower grades teacher and Kate Tolonen in charge of the upper grades. In 1926-27, Dorothy Nolen began the term, with Adriana Luoto taking Mrs. Nolen's place on Feb 21, 1927. The next year the teachers were Ada deJong and Margaret McClure (McEntire), Irene Toikka and Miss McClure taught in 1928-29, Miss McClure and Hilma Ostling the following year.

Because the number of pupils had dwindled, only one teacher was decided upon the next year --Irene Toikka. (List of teachers from 1932-1946; Helen Travis, Irene Jorgensen, Hildred Mattson, Louise Taylor, Dora Jantzen, Mary Ann Athanas, and Mrs. Mabel Hale. It's interesting to note that two teachers married local farmers and raised families in Brownsmead).

Among the last pupils enrolled in the Brownsmead school just before consolidation with Knappa: Velma Barendse, Joan Fish, Jon Westerholm, Eileen Barendse, Beatrice Barendse, Nancy Barendse, Nella Barendse, Bessie Barendse, Ronald Barendse, Dale Fish, James Allen, Bobby Larson, Betty Larson, Charlotte Vandervelt, Adriana Vandervelt, Henry Vandervelt, Elizabeth McEntire, and Ronnie Saukko.

Interview Jon Westerholm
April 19, 2003

J. Howard Butterfield was a veteran of the Spanish American War. Mrs. Butler kept a diary from 1916-1924. Her daughter was Mrs. Eiler, where the first school was held. The diaries have been transcribed. One of the old schools in Brownesmead was a two story structure. It was moved down the road and now rests across from the Brownsmead Grange. Dropping the bottom story, Roy Wharton made it into a store in 1947. Today it is still in use, (see photo) . Jon attended this school. A reunion of the students was held in 2003, with about 25-30 in attendance. In sharing photos, one had a dog in the picture. It used to come from a nearby farm to school every day. A former student, Mrs. McCauley Corkill, recognized the dog as her family's dog, "Hessel".

Oregon Teachers Remember Bicentennial Edition

Hilma Peterson

My first teaching position was in the sixth and seventh grades at the Brownsmead school. I had fourteen pupils and the primary teacher had eight. The next year it became a one room school so I moved on to Central Oregon since my principal had seniority and wished to stay.

Lyle Gap was nine miles north of Madras where I had eight pupils in three grades. We rode horse back the two miles to school or drove an Indian pony hitched to a buggy. The outstanding event of the year was a sandstorm that closed school for two days.

My next two years were in a one room school at Sylvandale, adjoining the district where I had first started teaching. My enrollment of twenty children were in all grades. This was during the depression and my second year's pay was in warrants, some of which were not redeemed until the following year.

For several years I did not teach as I was married. When the war was declared my husband volunteered for service in the Sea Bees so I went back to teaching.

An interesting day at Seaside was on the day President Roosevelt declared war. School was dismissed early due to a threatened air raid.

My first three years of teaching upon my return to the classroom were at Gearhart where my classroom for a time was upstairs in the city hall. This meant taking the children across the highway to the main building twice a day. I had an unusual split section there --- third, fourth and sixth grades.

From Gearhart I went to the Binnsmead School in Portland where I spent 23 years. In 1948 the building consisted of a double row of portable buildings along a central hall. Each room had a huge stove with a sheet iron jacket. Twice a day the custodian came through with a wheelbarrow load of wood and fired up. During the heavy snows of the second winter the hall was graced with criss-crossed two-by-fours to prevent it from collapsing. The new building went into use in 1950, one of Portland's finest.

School Directory, 1942-43
District No. 39, Brownsmead

School census, 34	Enrollment, 17
Transportation, yes	Term 9 months
Valuation \$166,667	Tax levy, 8.9
Jalmer Gerttula	chairman
Albert Barendse	director 2 yrs
Roy Salmi	director 3 yrs
Mrs. Eugena B. Allen	district clerk
Mary Ann Athanas	\$90.00

Mary Riddle arrived in Knappa in 1881, and lived in the area many years. She kept a diary for much of her life. These have been transcribed and are in the Astoriana collection at the Astoria Public library. I have picked up a few entries from these diaries, that mention activities taking place at the school.

7 Oct 1881, Well, school is out today. The children are all happy now. Henry just got home from school.

15 Nov 1883, They have all gone to the schoolhouse to Meeting. Uncle is going to preach before he starts to Knappa.

31 Dec 1884, Mrs. Hills and all her girls passed by here this evening -- going to the school house to dance tonight. The trail is very bad - ice frozen on the snow.

1 Jan 1885, Mrs. Hills and the girls stopped in for a few minutes this morning on the way home from the schoolhouse.

3 May 1885, Father and I went to Sunday school this forenoon. The schoolhouse was bright and clean, ready for school to begin tomorrow morning.,

4 July 1885, Well, the Fourth of July has come and gone again. We went to the picnic today, nearly everyone was there. There were lots from Knappa. Everyone seemed to have a good time but it was too warm to be comfortable. The shade they made along the side of the school was real nice. They are all dancing down there tonight.

1 Oct 1885, I went over to the schoolhouse this afternoon, it being the last day of Ettie Michell's school. We'd have liked to have roasted - it was so warm in the schoolhouse. Ettie had several visitors in to see her dismiss her school. Mr. Church and Mrs. Hamler, Mrs. Baker, Lottie Church and myself. The children have all learned well.

June 1, 1889, Last night we went to the schoolhouse to see a show of the scenery of Yellowstone Park. It was a very nice lot of pictures.

June 6, 1889, I went to Knappa last night to see the school program. It was fine. Some of the children did well in their speeches.

June 9 1889, Father was much too sick to go preaching at the Allen schoolhouse.

Mar 19 1890, Moses has to go down to the schoolhouse to make wood and the mud is nearly impassable.

Blind Slough, District #23

Established 2/17/1887, Named Brownsmead in 20-21 directory, East of Astoria, reached by launch from Blind Slough RR station. At one time this area was referred to as Albert.



Clarence Barendse Collection

Blind Slough

DA 9-25-1895:4

The report of the Blind Slough school for the term beginning May 6 and closing Sept 30 as follows; Total enrolled 25, days taught 24, average attendance 35.

Fanny Gerttula, John Gerttula, Willie Gertulla, Thea Anderson, John Anderson, Cecilia Takalo, Willie Takalo, Mary Empo, Oda Empo, Mary Peterson, Gus Bostrum, Otto Bostrum, Walter Bostrum and Henry Pise were neither absent or tardy. Fanny Gertulla received the greatest number of "headmarks" in oral spelling and Mary Empo for the best lessons and good deportment raised the flag the greatest number of times. The only children that were tardy during the term were: John Hagglund, Will Hagglund, Victor Hagglund, Carl Peterson, and Victoria Moody. The prizes awarded to the writing class were to Fanny Gerttula for the best writing and to Gus Holstrum for the most improvement. The school contributed \$3.00 toward the fund for the present for the battleship Oregon.

The children have conducted themselves in a very credible manner and I extend my thanks to them as well as the patrons and friends of the school for their willing effort and warm support during the term.

Appended is the program for the exercise rendered on the last day of school.

Song; Ode to Welcome, school

Recitations; What Grandmother says, Cecilia Takalo; A Close, Hard Man, Ed Hilstrom; The Squirrel, Willie Hagglund

Concert recitation

Chorus of the Flowers, Ida Empo, Mary Empo, Cecilia Takalo, Thea Anderson, Mary Peterson, Fanny Gerttula.

Recitation; the Hard sum, Carl Peterson

Song; It is Not a Noisy Street, school

Recitation; What Became Of a Lie, John Gertulla; Be Polite, Willie Takalo

Proverbs class; John Anderson, Anna Smith, Henry Pise, Charles Pise, Albert Erickson, Helma Pise

Duet; the Quaker Courtship, Edwin Hilstrom, Tom Moody

Recitation; School Days, Mr. Haikuranan; When I am a Man, John Hagglund; The Bee, Charles Pise; The School is Out, Victor Hagglund

Dialogue; Tom's Practical Joke, Otto Bostrum, Cecilia Takalo, Victoria Moody

Song; Battling For the Right, School

Recitation; Which, Willie Gerttula; The Painted Lady, Gus Bostrum; My Speech, John Anderson

Concert Motion Recitation; Looking Ahead, seven boys & seven girls

Recitation; The New Toy, Walter Bostrum

Motion song; Good Advice, solo by Tora Moody, and chorus by children

Parting song; We'll Never Say Goodbye, School

DMA 9-12-1902:1

News came through Knappa yesterday that the schoolhouse, two large barns and two or three houses were destroyed by (forest) fire early yesterday at Blind Slough.

DMA 4-16-1903:3

The school at Blind Slough will be conducted this summer by T. M. Bowman, who taught the Clifton school last summer.

ADB 6-22-1909:1

In the Albert district Charles Anderson was elected clerk and Emil Luoto director.

Superintendents Ledger, District 4, Sylvandale, Blind Slough

Teachers

1913-14 Agnes Karenin

1914-15 Ella E. Brown

1915-18 Ruth R. Hill

1918-19 Alta Winship

1919-22 Estella Empo

1922-25 Katie Tolonen

ADB 2-5-1915;

Miss Cole is teacher at Blind Slough.

AEB 10-2-1915:1 Graduation at Blind Slough, Exercises Held Friday Afternoon in Dist. #9

Graduation exercises were held at the Blind Slough school district no. 9 on Friday afternoon and were attended by a large number of the parents and patrons of the school. District #9 has attained an enviable reputation for the beauty of the grounds surrounding the school building. These are neatly laid out and ornamented with trees, shrubs and flowers, while a gravity water system has been installed and aids materially in improving the sanitary conditions of the premises. The district has recently installed some new playground apparatus, the expense being met by an entertainment given by the young pupils of Blind Slough. The apparatus includes a horizontal bar, hurdle and teeter. Additional apparatus will probably be secured before the opening of the next term.

AEB 8-23-1917:5

A meeting of tax payers in the recently organized district No. 39 at Blind Slough was held yesterday and a board of directors was elected consisting of F.E. Burns, F.E. Butler chairman, J. W. Barendse and J. Howard Butterfield, G. W. Wallace was elected clerk. The directors are arranging to erect a temporary building that a session of school can be opened this fall.

MA 2-3-1918:2 Blind Slough (Sylvandale)

School term in District No. 9 will start the 11th of February and Mrs. Alta Winship of Astoria has accepted the position in the school as teacher for the coming year. There is quite a few things to be replaced around the school and as a first step toward that end the school board has posted a notice calling for bids to put up a new fence around the school yard. Also a new water reservoir has been ordered and will be installed in place as soon as it is received.

AEB 9-23-1918

Tomorrow morning four students of Clatsop county schools will leave for Salem to spend the week as guests of the county and the state at the State Fair. The pupils are; Ruby McClure, Columbia Beach, Freda Allen, Elsie, John deJong, Blind Slough and Rodney Gronnell, Elsie. The trip is an award for the excellency of their work in industrial club activities and in exhibits at the county fair. County agent Lechner will accompany the children to Salem.

Sylvandale Schoolhouse
by Helen Barendse, 1946

Sylvandale School, the center of learning for the Hill Country children for many years, was probably constructed about 1900. The site was near Alice Oja Nielsen's house, on Davis Bottom Road, and the building still stands as a residence today. A school in this area had been established in 1889 as Blind Slough District #9, with classes held in the Davis house, near Willman Point on the banks of Blind Slough, called upper Blind Slough school. The slough was open then and navigated by fish boats and row boats, so many of the children rowed to school, in the same way that everyone used to boat up and down the slough to get the mail and supplies at the store. But this school closed in 1927, the pupils being transported to Dst # 9. No trace of the building can be found today.

Miss Virginia Keene, teacher, is credited with persuading the board of Blind Slough District #9 to plant the beautiful hawthorne trees which still bloom around the building. When Kate Tolonen came to teach at the "school in the trees". She and her pupils renamed their school, Sylvandale, an appropriate name for this site among the trees.

A list of students survives (also a picture) for the year 1913, when Agnes Keranen was teacher; Willie Raihala, Alvin Michelson, Arvid Backenen, Arnold Matlin, Oney Oja, Reno Raihala, Henry Davis, Clifford Palmer, Edith Michelson, Marie Carlson, Elsie Luoto, Ida Luoto, Elsie Carlson, Ellen Raihala, Lillian Carlson, Minnie Erickson, Esther Luoto, Helma Erickson, Esther Heikkila, Gust Anderson, Ed Erickson, Earnest Michelson, Juan Erickson, Oney Empo, Henry Luoto, Hedvig Oja, Tyne Heikkila, Martha Heikkila.

Before 1909, the pupils had attended school only in the summer. This was because of the severe flooding over Davis Bottom which occurred during the high tide and rainy season. There was no tide gate then, and Blind Slough would come up into the low valley. But in 1909 the school changed to a standard year.

Sylvandale consolidated with Knappa in 1939. Lila Suokko, who taught in the years 1933-36, remembers these students, some of the last to attend the school in the trees; Donald and Mary Jane Lumijarvi, Owen Oja, Clarence and Gene Barendse, Hazel Kalendar, Arthur Jaakola, Percy, Stanton and Elvina Hughes, Harriett Fish, Frank and Lois Frost, and Bobby Olson. Miss Suokka became Mrs. William Raihala and still lives in Brownsmead.

AEB 4-25-1923:3 New Teachers

The board of directors of the Sylvan Dale school has re-elected Miss Katie Tolonen as teacher for the coming year.

MA 3-10-1929:6 Consolidation of Schools Is voted

Consolidation of the Sylvandale school district #9 and the adjacent district #23 both in Blind

School District No 9

Mrs Wilson Pohto
Teacher Agnes Karen

Wilbur Westlund
Arnold Mattin
Albert Davis
Erney Empe
Alvin Mickelson
Arvid Bakamun
Clifford Palmer
Edwin Luoto
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Rene Raikala
Willie Raikala
Gust Anderson
Ed Erickson
Juan Erickson
Ony Oja

Tyner Heikela
Esther Heikela
Martha Heikela
Helma Erickson
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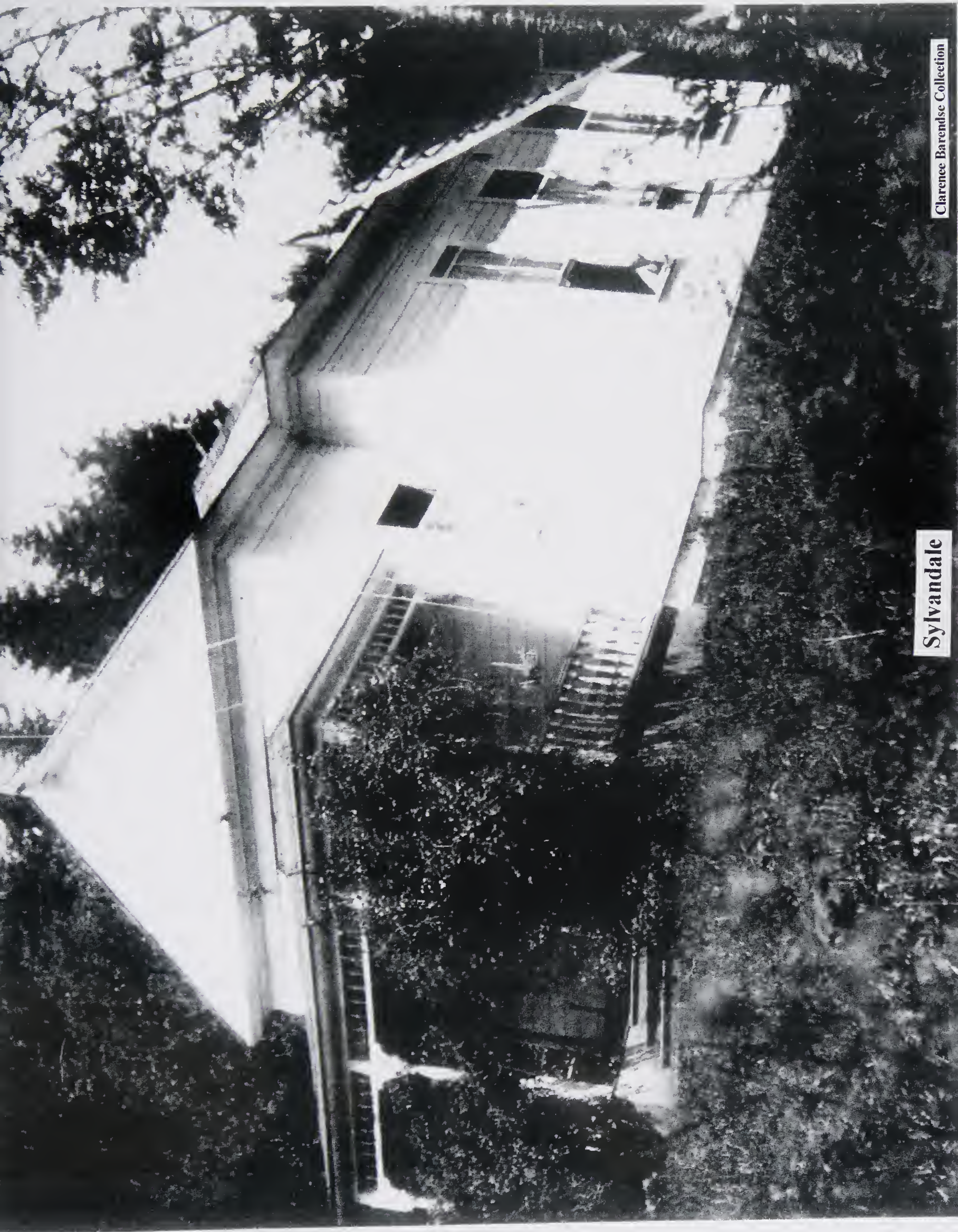


Sylvandale



Clarence Barendse Collection

Believed to be the Sylvandale School in 1923



Sylvandale

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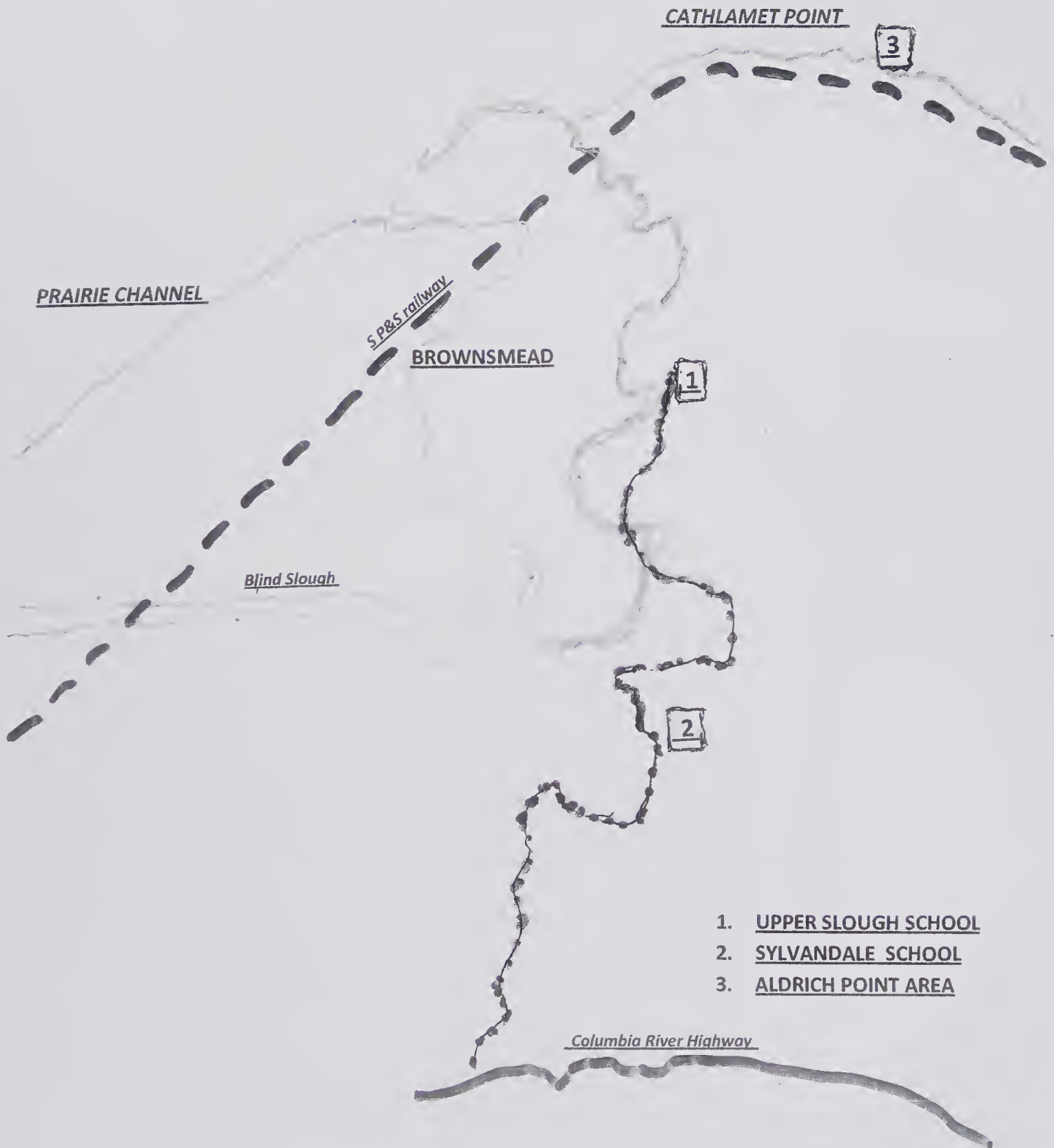
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Blind Slough

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1. UPPER SLOUGH SCHOOL
2. SYLVANDALE SCHOOL
3. ALDRICH POINT AREA

Columbia River Highway



Slough region was approved by the voters in a special meeting held yesterday afternoon. The votes was as follows: District #23, yes 12, no 10; District #9, yes 13, no 1. The matter will now have to be referred to the county boundary board for approval. Consolidation movements were brought about by the scarcity of pupils in both districts.

Interview 19 Oct 1991

Clarence "Snookie" Barendse, at his home

Mr. Barendse was a delightful interview. He has a wide range of interests which include collecting duck decoys, post office cancellations and photographing float boats. He very generously shared school information, photographs as well as some history of the Knappa - Svensen area. He was a P.O.W. during WWII.

Aldrich Point school was also known as Upper Slough school, District #23. It was built in 1888 and was accessible only by boat until the county roads were built about 1914-16.

The second school was Blind Slough, district #9, also built about 1888. It was first held in the Davis home on Davis road. In 1916 the name was changed to Sylvandale by teacher Kate Tolonen and her students. This was in 1923. It later consolidated with Knappa. It is still standing and a reunion was held in 1989. Former students brought pictures and other memorabilia to share. The oldest attendant was Mrs. Hilda Blair, then 96 years old.

The Brownsmead school was first held in the Eilers' home. The teacher was Arital Willford. The school had one room, later two more were added. It merged with Knappa. Roy Whorten bought the old school and made it into a store, which is still standing.

Knappa was a platted town and had two schools. Lower Knappa school was on the river's edge. In 1898 when the first train came through the area, the teachers took all the students for a walk by the tracks to see the first train go by. Ed Lizenbee was one of the students. He was an uncle or brother-in-law to Margaret Morris Webber. She may have some pictures.

All students who were not in high school eventually went to the Fairview school.

Clarence has many things that his mother saved from the old school days. He has his uncle's diploma from when he graduated in 1914. His name was Edward Erickson.

Sylvandale school put out a newspaper, which was first called the Sylvan Dale news, then changed to the Rustle. He has copies of several issues. The papers list some of the subjects children were studying, visitors to the school, some jokes, etc. He has pictures of the various school and loaned them to us to copy. Some of them had students names on the back.

The photo of the graduating girls all in white are surrounded by flowers they picked in the woods. It was taken in September 1904.

Hare was an early name of Svensen. It was also called Bear Creek, which had a post office. He has letters with these names on the cancellations or addresses on the envelopes.

He marked some school locations on a map for us.

Newspaper clipping, about 1942-43, Harold Haynes column

And now more teachers doing good work. You might keep this list and write some of them an encouraging letter some time. We understand that school people sometimes get the other kind. Marie Fair of Sylvan Dale, Bertha Smith of Olney, Fay Beehler of Hamlet, Elsa

(on the back)

Aldrich Point, Dist. #23

built about 1888

2nd school was held in Davis home
with Lillian Hager as teacher.

This was on the Ed Willman place
then 2nd school was built

Dist. #9 Blind Slough, then changed
to Sylvan Dale





Clarence Barendse Collection

Aldrich Point

Sodreman of Melville, Stella Sloan of Gearhart, Hilda Wotila of Fernhill, June Brallier of Vesper, Mercy Morris of Chadwell, Malinda Ragsdale of Mountain View, Warren McGowan of Svensen, Katherine Dooling of Elsie, Margaret Larson and Helen Bany of Tidewater, Lucille Hoagland of Walluski, Ethel Jurgenson of Battle Creek, Elta Hohman of Bradwood, Solvig Pederson of Clifton, Grace Henderson of Necanicum, Anne Sieverts of Cannon Beach, Maude Shaw of Wauna.

Bradwood

Bradwood was part of the Clifton district.

"This was Bradwood"

Donald Helwig, pub. 2000

Although the town of Clifton, to the northwest, had a school for many years before Bradwood, when the Bradwood School opened in 1932, Clatsop county records show it as part of the Bradwood-Clifton school District No. 33 and teachers registered their certificates in Astoria.

Some of the teachers at Bradwood were; 1932-35 Ann Flood, 1935-36 Eta Hohman, 1936-37 Estar Hohman, 1937-38 Emma Kables, 1938-39 Helen Bany, 1939-40 Elsa Soderman, 1940-42 Jean Mosteller

One of the first houses on the east of town was utilized as the school house which later became the community library. It was a one room school and the number of grades fluctuated widely from year to year, according to the kids who lived in town. The school teacher lived in the back of the building. The teacher would make a fire in the woodstove that stood in the center of the classroom to warm the room before she rang the bell to call the students to class. The desks were arranged with the smaller desks in front for the littler kids, and the large desks in back for the older ones. The students sat with their backs to the door and the teacher would move from place to place helping each student as they needed. Book shelves were built against the wall. In addition to the blackboard, there was also a big upright piano. Students went home for lunch and were sent home when problems occurred. The school was also used for Sunday School with Mrs Bertha Wilson being the teacher. Sunday School classes were also sometimes held at the Union Hall taught by Mrs. Branum. One resident reported;" the first hymn in the book was The Old Rugged Cross; we sang it often and it was the class's favorite hymn."

The school was closed during WWII (1942). The 1941-42 class was the last Bradwood class and in the fall of 1942 children who were in school age caught the school bus each morning at the store, gathering on the porch if it was raining. The bus hauled everyone from the first grade through the twelfth grade to Westport Grade and High school in Westport, OR. It was an eleven mile, 35 minute trip each way up over Bradley Crest, through Bradley Park and down the switchbacks to Wauna and Taylorville and then to Westport. This bus ride assured that all the kids from Bradwood and from Clifton got acquainted and it strengthened the ties between families. Everyone seemed to know each others children and they "looked after" them along with their own. Pastor Dodge of the Assembly of God church in Westport was the bus driver.



Women Help the War Effort

Alza Ann Grounds Houk

As I grew older, I realize how lucky we were to attend the little one room school in Bradwood. The individual attention must have been outstanding. I remember the teacher sitting in her chair beside the little ones helping them with their work. Then she would share the desk with the older students to help them. I doubt if there were ever more than 20 students at one time in school. I think school started about 8:00-8:30 and the day closed at 3:30 or 4:00. The little kids went home at 2:30. I skipped the second grade because I was the only one in it and that meant extra preparation for the teacher. By the time I was 6, I was in the third grade. All the girls wore dresses to school for at that time pants just weren't acceptable for school, church, etc. In addition to the Dick, Jane and Spot readers, I remember that penmanship was taught at school (Palmer Method) I continue to be amazed at the clothes and costumes we had available for our school parades. It tells me that the parents were very interested in what we did and they kept us busy and active. The older girls in the parades were usually the creators of the parades. We had programs at Christmas and at the end of the year. These were held in the union hall. A wire was strung up and a sheet safety-pinned to it with big pins so it could slide back and forth.

Clifton, District #33

Locations Bradley Hill, established 2/1/1893, consolidated 1 July 1949 with #4, on SP & S railway, near SP & S railroad station, 22 miles east of Astoria. The students went to Knappa one year and the following year to 5J.

Superintendent Ledger, teachers

1894 Miss Ellie Mibalie

1899 Ellen McCabe

1901 W.A. Hall

1902 T.M. Bowman

1903 W.A. Hall

1905-6 Alda Overstreet

1906-09 Elsie Conklin

1909-10 Mabel Stevens

1910-11 Edna P. Smith, Mrs Fannie Quick

1914 Irene Conklin

1915 Edith Ross, Agnes K. Wilson

1916 Belle Brown

Oregon School Teachers Register and Record book

Sept 1929 - May 1929 Lavelle Berg

Sept 1929- Natalie W. Jones

Sept 1930 - 1931 Velma E. Koppisch

Sept 1931- May 1932 Natalie W. Jones

Sept 1932 - May 1934 Anna Sieverts



Clifton School

CLIFTON SCHOOL 1928-9 TEACHER'S RECORDS

OREGON SCHOOL

PROGRAM AND CLASS RECORD

This Program is for the guidance

PROGRAM				TEXTBOOKS USED	WORK PASSED OVER
Time	Grade	Subject or Exercise	Min.	Enter "B" for State Series, and designate grade of book. Enter "Sup." for Supplementary.	Indicate by Page, Lesson, or Chapter
A.M.					
9:00	all	Opening Ex.	10		
9:10	1st	Phonics	10	Benson Chart	
9:20	2nd	Reading	10	Complete Elson First Reader	
9:30	3d	"	10	Elson Second Reader	
9:40	4th	Language	10	Benson Third Reader	
9:50	5th	Agriculture	10	S. complete	
10:00	6th	Arithmetic	15	S. complete	
10:15	7th	"	15	" "	
10:30	all	Recise	10		
10:40	1st, 2nd	Arithmetic	10	25 addition & subtraction facts	
10:50	3rd, 4th	"	10	3rd course study	
11:00	1, 2, 3	Language	10	1st S. complete	
11:10	5th, 6th	"	15	S. complete	
11:25	7th, 8th	"	15	" "	
11:40	all	Writing - art	10	See Course of Study	
12:00	all	Noon			
P.M.					
12:40	1st	Reading	10	New Benson Reading Chart.	
12:50	2nd, 3d	"	15	New Benson Primer	
1:05	4th, 5th	"	15	Benson First Reader & Elson Primer	
1:20	3d	Geography	10	Benson 2nd Reader & Elson Reader Bk. 1	
1:30	4th	"	10	S. complete	
1:40	1, 2, 3	Spelling	10	" "	
1:50	5th, 6th	Geography	10	" "	
2:05	7th	"	15	" "	
2:20	8th	History - Civics	10	" "	
2:30	all	Recise	10		
2:40	5th	History & Living	10	3. complete in fold	
2:50	6th	History & Living	10	" " " "	
3:00	7th	History	10	3. complete	
3:10	4th, 5th	Spelling	10	" "	
3:20	6th	Reading - mental	10	" "	
	7th	"	10	" "	
	8th	"		" "	
		Friday			

Made in compliance with Rule XLIV by LaVelle Berg Teacher

Date

CLIFTON SCHOOL 1928-9 TEACHER'S RECORDS

Record of Visitors for the School Year Ending *May*....., 1929.

No.	NAMES OF VISITORS	IDENTIFICATION Parent, Guardian, Superintendent, Etc.	Date of Visit	Length of Visit	
				Mr.	Mrs.
1	Yeta Rupp	Friend	Sept. 17, '28	3	
2	Wm. Bjornsgaard	"	" " "	"	
3	Paul Morrell	"	" " "	1	30
4	Evelyn King	"	Oct. 26, 1928	7 AM	3:30
5	Katie Gyzdovitch	Friend	Oct. 26, 1928		30
6	Jack Marinovich	"	" " "	"	
7	Andrew Marinovich	"	" " "	"	
8	Natalie W. Jones	Chk. Sch. Dist No 33	Nov. 21, 1928	1:15	3:25
9	Mrs. J. H. Thompson	Parent	Nov. 21, 1928	1:15	3:25
10	Katie Gyzdovitch	Friend	Jan. 15, 1929	2:30	3:30
11	Mrs. P. H. Bianelli	Parent	Jan. 23, '29	3:00	3:30
12	Miss Mary Jasich	Friend	Feb. 14, '29	2:15	3:00
13	Mrs. P. H. Bianelli	Parent	" "	"	"
14	Katie Gyzdovitch	Friend	" "	"	"
15	Andrew Marinovich	"	" "	"	"
16	Mrs. J. Gyzdovitch	"	" "	"	"
17	David Gyzdovitch	"	Feb. 18, '29	9:00	3:00
18	Mrs. Florence Peterson	County Nurse	Feb. 25, '29	9:45	10:45
19	Stewart & McKinnon Co. Reps.	Washington Co. Wash	Mar. 7, 1929	9:30	10:30
20	Dorothy Riley	"	April 7, '29	11:00	12:00
21	Mrs. H. L. Cummings	Parent	" " "	"	"
22	Miss Mary Jasich	"	" " "	"	"

Record of Visitors for the School Year Ending *June*....., 1932.

No.	NAMES OF VISITORS	IDENTIFICATION Parent, Guardian, Superintendent, Etc.	Date of Visit	Length of Visit	
				Mr.	Mrs.
1	Paul Morrell	Brother	25	2	30
2	Lois Thompson	Ex-student	Jan. 25	2	30
3	Manda Gyzdovitch	Ex-student	Feb. 12	9	3:45
4	Mrs. R. J. Rhoades	Parent	Feb 22	9	10
No.	NAMES OF VISITORS	IDENTIFICATION Parent, Guardian, Superintendent, Etc.	Date of Visit	Length of Visit	
				Mr.	Mrs.
1	Jackie Marinovich	Young student	Oct. 4		30
2	Mr. Anasewie	Co. School Supt	Jan. 9	1	30

Record of Visitors for the School Year Ending 19.....

No.	NAMES OF VISITORS	IDENTIFICATION Parent, Guardian, Superintendent, Etc.	Date of Visit	Length of Visit	
				Hrs.	Mins.
1	Irotie, Mary	friend	Sept. 11, 1930	3	00
2	Irotie, Lend	Friend	Sept. 11, 1930	5	00
3	Nick Lach	Friend	Sept. 15, 1930	2	00
4	Arthur Fick	Friend	Sept. 19, 1930	1	15
5	Mary Lach	Friend	Oct 9, 1930		30
6	Jack Marinovich	Friend	Oct. 28, '30	1	15
7	Louie Marshall	"	" " "	1	15
8	John Hlastelicia	"	" " "	1	15
9	Philip Lach	"	Nov. 4 - 9	1	15
10	Paul Marshall	"	" 4 - 9	1	15
11	Mr. G. Lianelli	Parent	Nov. 14	1	15
12	Nick Soter	Parent	Nov. 26	1	-
13	M. Gud	Friend	Nov. 26	1	-
14	Anthony Marinovich	Friend	Jan. 9	1	15
15	Loid Thompson	Friend	Jan. 12	5	30
16	Mrs. G. H. Lianelli	Friends & Parent	Feb. 13	2	00
17	Mary Lach	Friend	Mar. 2		30
18	Mrs. Soter	Parent	Mar. 4	1	15
19	M. A. Soter	Parent	Mar. 4	1	15
20	Mildred Gydavich	Friend	Mar. 6	1	15
21	Leanne Anthony	Friend	Mar. 6	1	15
22	Mrs. Mary Lach	Friend	April. 9		30
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Officers

1893; J. O. Spencer, J. W. McClean, James Anderson, Nicholas Stanvich
1894; J. Anderson was replaced by T.N. Anderson.
1900; W.A. Patterson, J. W. McClean, A. B. Harnes, John Abbot
1901; Harnes was replaced by D. Falangus
1902; J. C. Barnberg, John Abbot, D. Falangus, J. W. McClean
1903-4; W.A. Patterson, D. Falangus, J. W. McClean, A. Lindell
1904-5; Patterson, James Mony or Manua (?) , Falangus, Henry Kessler
1908-9; Mrs. D. L. Kelley, J.G. Mathews, Henry Kessler, D. Falangus
1911-12; G.B. Mathews, G.D. Morgan, Andrew Lindell, O.S. Hutchinson
1914 E. J. Herlihey, D. Falangus, W. Huycke, Mrs. James Vernon, clerk

ADB 6-6-1908:6

The graduation exercises at the Clifton school were held last evening. Lloyd Dunn being the only graduate from the eighth grade. There are few schools in the county in which greater interest is taken by the patrons than in this district. Miss Elsie Conklin has been the teacher there for two years. A new school building was recently erected and it is being equipped with every modern convenience.

AB 9-4-1920:3

New Teachers- Mrs. Burkhead has been chosen to teach the Clifton school while Mrs. Berta Fletcher will have charge of the school at Necanicum.

Andrew Marincovich was kind enough to lend some Oregon School registers and record books from the Clifton school. Several pages are reproduced here. It is interesting to see the teachers schedules and the other things they kept track of.

The teachers who kept these records were; Lavelle Berg, Natalie Jones, Velma Koppisch, and Anne Sieverts.

Mr Marincovich also loaned the photos of the Clifton school, which he attended.

I talked with his son, Jack Marincovich, who also attended the school just before it closed in 1945. Mrs. Cable was the teacher.

Jack and his wife, Georgia visited another former teacher in January 1992, Anna Sieverts. She was in a nursing home in Tillamook. It was her 80th birthday and she was all dressed up. Jack said she didn't hear too well anymore, but "you could tell she was a teacher..... she still like to give orders."

MA 2-18-1919:5

New Teacher at Clifton School- Mrs. Edna L. LaMarr of Portland yesterday took charge of the Clifton school. She will have charge of the school for the remainder of the term.

AB 9-4 1920:3

Mrs. Burkhead has been chosen to teach the Clifton school.

AB 5-11-1944:1

Carrier Gets Local Pianos- There is a U.S Navy carrier somewhere in the Pacific today with

a piano aboard given by the people of Clifton. The piano was part of the Clifton school which was built by the people about ten years ago. When the Clifton pupils moved to Westport school, the people decided to give their piano to the carrier, a request for which had come from the chaplain. The navy grabbed the piano offer, sent a truck to Clifton to get it, and it is now part of the equipment on a fighting ship. Another piano was offered by Mrs H. Lindstrom of Astoria and it was being sought by the chaplain of another carrier.

This was Bradwood

by Donald Helvig, pub. 2000

Clifton School District #33 operated it's one room school near the center of town. This school operated even before the Clatsop County Education District registered it and it continued to operate until 1942. The school had closed after the school year of 1941-43. Early teachers in Clifton were Mrs. Vlastelicia, Anne Sieverts, Eleanor Tuoney, Solvoeg Peterson, Helen Bany and Emma Kables.

This author remembers visiting the abandoned school building in 1946, finding the building open but badly deteriorating. The building had papers and books strewn about and the weather was beginning to gain access.

School directory 1942-43

District No. 33, Bradwood-Clifton

School census 45	Enrollment 26
valuation, \$226,421	Tax levy, 4.2
Transportation, No	term, 9 months
Max L. Sears	chairman
Mrs. Natalie Jones	director 2 yrs
Andrew Marincovich	Director 3 yrs
Mrs. Grace Leonard	Clerk
Emma Kables	\$100.00
Jean Mosteller	\$100.00

Westport School, District #7

Established 11/4/1861. Consolidated with 5J, May 31, 1966. Located in Westport on SP&S railroad, 29 miles east of Astoria. Was a 3rd class district, with 2 yr accredited H.S., elementary grades, new building 1906.

School Officers 4-15-1878- Mr. Morgan, W. Adams, O.D. Young, D. West, clerk

DA March 7, 1880 Marshland School Meeting

At the school meeting March 1st, A. M. Tichenor was elected director and James Wallace, clerk for the ensuing year. Voters from Wood's landing presented a petition to have the district divided so they could have a school of their own near home, as it was impossible for their children to come to this place daily. And it appears they have had no school, there for years, though paying taxes to support this one. A motion was made and seconded to raise sufficient funds to have a three months additional school. This led to a warm discussion, but the vote being taken the non-taxists won the day; in short, bachelors

declined to pay for other people's children's education. It has been very wintery all week, snow at night, with rain, snow and sunshine, alternately through the day.

DMA 4-16-1903:3

James Springer is near the close of his term at Westport.

May 24, 1906

David West gave an acre of land for a new school at Westport, dedicated with an extended musical and literary program. Cost of the building was about \$3000.

ADB 3-24-1906:6

The new school at Westport will be dedicated this evening and an extensive musical and literary program has been arranged for the occasion. The new school building was recently completed at a cost of \$3000 and is one of the finest structures of its kind in the state outside of the cities.

ADB 5-10-1906:1

A deed was filed for the record this afternoon whereby David West dedicates to the school district No. 7 one acre of ground on which to erect a school building.

MA 6-2-1918:2

The Westport grammar school closed for the summer vacation May 24, after completing work required by the State Board of Education after a successful term for both pupils and teachers. The teacher, Miss Olga Moore, left Monday for her home in Astoria and Margaret West will remain in Westport for the summer vacation.

Superintendent's Ledger

Teachers, Westport No. 7J

1913-14 Alice Quint, Anna May Gallop

1914-18 Myrtle Sears, Olga Moore

1917-18 Margaret West

1918-19 Myrtle Sears, Olga Moore, Margaret West

191-20 Myrtle Sears, Mullen (Mrs.), Olga Moore, Nellie M. Thompson

1920-12 same as above plus Elsie C. Convill (Mrs.)

1921-22 Frank B. Bennett, Olga Moore, Florence Ingraham, Elsie C. Convill, Florence Aronson

1922-23 John C. Johnson, Elsie Convill, Florence Ingraham, Florence Aronson, Mary Burns, Carol Atkinson, Grace Edwards

1923-24 Johnson, Convill, Edwards, Olga Moore, F. Ingraham, Ruth E. Faucett, Aronson

1924-25 Johnson, Convill, Effie G. Gibson, Eva M. Tarbell, M. L. Rewey (Mrs), Letha Blanche Mouser.

AEB 5-19-1923: Special to the Budget - Kerry

An action at law was filed at St. Helens by G. C. and A. C. Fulton attorneys of Astoria, on behalf of a number of the taxpayers of Kerry, asking that the election consolidating the Kerry and Westport schools be declared illegal and void and that the school

again be established at Kerry. It is alleged that there were not enough legal voters signing the petition calling the election and that the side favoring consolidation "railroaded" some voters through. The suit, it is understood, is financed by N. Ayers of the St. Johns Lumber co., R. B. Magruder of the Columbia Agricultural Co. and Paul Salmi and the Kerry Timber company, so as to obtain a lower tax levy.

Heritage Center Archives

May 19(20 ?)

Consolidated district No. 7, Joint Westport School,

Superintendent O.H. Byland announces that the following pupils have passed the required State Examination and are now entitled to an eighth grade diploma;

George H. Steph, Margaret L. Slevoigh, Thomas L. Venes, Robert H. Mathersbaugh, Esau Shio, Ethel Eyeman.

May 1930

Superintendent Anne Lewis announces that the following pupils have passed the required eighth grade Examinations and are now entitled to an eighth grade diploma; Kenneth Stenersen, Ruth Houver, Harland Forest, Defnie Hudson, June Frenholm, Marjorie Worthington, Dellas Wells, Bonnie Nelson, Vincent Forrest

List of Eighth Grade Graduates, May 5, 1933, District 7 jt. Westport

Ramona Casselman, Anna Brown, Jane Ganote, Ruth Gregory, Wendell Hendrickson, Agnes Heyne, Blenda Myers, Nancy Salmon, Floyd Tuom, Neldon Wells, Bonnie Nelson

School directory, 1942-43

District No.7 jt, Westport

School census Clatsop 172 Enrollment 254

School census Columbia 94

Valuation \$223,916 Tax levy 27.5

Transportation, yes term, 9 months

A. Fahlgren chairman

A.R. Lundeen Director 2 yrs

Mrs. Phyllis Carver director 3 yrs

H. L. Maling district clerk

grade school

Homer Earl \$115.00

Esther May Weesner \$105.00

Florence Tagg \$115.00

Viola Erickson \$120.00

May Bowman \$105.00

AB 12-27-1943:1 Westport Home Burns

Fire of undetermined origin completely destroyed the "teacherage" living quarters of four members of the Westport school faculty and their families early this morning in the up river mill town. Contents of the building were also lost.

Only Mrs. Shaw, faculty member and her husband and children were asleep in the building at the time of the fire, other teachers and their families being out of town for the Christmas vacation.

The blaze apparently started in the upper portion of the building, once housing Westport's school system. The Shaw family, awakened by the crackling of the flames, made their way from the burning building safely.

Two school garages near the "teacherage" caught fire and burned but efforts of the Westport volunteer fire department successfully prevented the spread of the blaze to the school gymnasium and the new school building itself, according to word from the mill city this morning. No estimate of the loss in the fire has been made today.

ADB 8-21-1911:6

Miss Isabell Gray and Miss Mamie Noble have been employed as the principal and assistant, respectively, of the Westport public school, which will open its fall term on Sept 4.

Superintendents Ledger, consolidated District #7 Joint Teachers

1913-14 Alice Quint, Anna May Gallop

1914-15 Myrtle Sears, Olga Moore

1915-16-18 M. Sears, O. Moore

1917-18-19 Margaret West

1919-20 Myrtle Sears Muller (Mrs.), O. Moore, .Nellie M. Thompson

1920-21 M. Muller, O. Moore, N. Thompson, Ellie C. Convill (Mrs.)

1921-22 Frank B. Bennet, O. Moore, Florence Ingraham, E. Convill, Florence Aronson

1922-23 John C. Johnson, E. Convill, F. Ingraham, O. Moore, F. Aronson, Mary Burns,
Carrol Atkinson, Grace Edwards

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Taylors of Taylorville

by Sherrill L. Gregory

I went to school in Westport, starting out in the first grade in the two-story two-room schoolhouse that was later used as a "teacherage". The first four grades were on the lower floor in one big room with Miss Olga Moore, teacher. The upper four grades were on the second floor, also one big room. When I was ready for fifth grade, my father fell ill and had to go to Good Samaritan Hospital in Portland for some time. I was farmed out to my grandparents in Carlton, and attended the first half of the year there. When I returned to Westport, the school had moved into a new building next door to the high school where I finished out my grade school days.

DA 6/2003

Arthur M. Holten attended Westport schools until he graduated in 1933. He supported athletics and other programs for youth. He made sure the Westport gym was open for 20 years so youth could have evening activities. Westport High school recognized him with a trophy at the 1988 reunion.

Wauna, District #38

Location Bradley Hill, in town of Wauna on SP&S railroad, 26 miles E of Astoria. established 1/24/1896. Consolidated with # 7J on July 1, 1946. elementary grades. Had electric lighting. (was this the Taylorville school?)

ADB 2-20-1914:6

County school superintendent Byland returned today from a visit to the school at Wauna. This is a new district and its first term of school is now in session. The teacher is Daniel Cockran and about 25 pupils are taught. A new building was recently completed and it is one of the most modern and completely equipped school structure in the county.

EAB 23 Dec 1914:6

The Wauna public school closed Friday for the Christmas holidays. Saturday evening an entertainment was given in the school and presents were distributed to all the pupils from a decorated tree. Miss Isabel Snider, the teacher will spend her vacation in Salem.

Union High School #2

Located Knappa-Svensen, established 9/1/1915, consolidated May 31, 1967 #10. Standard 4 yr high school, 9 miles west of Astoria, between Svensen & Knappa on Columbia Hwy, 3 miles from SP&S RR.

School Directory, 1942-43

District No. 38, Wauna

School census 102

Valuation \$195,618

Transportation, yes

F. O. Blanchard

A. C. Matheny

O. P. Peterson

M. J. Wilson,

Mrs. Allen Shaw, principal

Vera Catto

enrollment 51

Tax Levy, 11.7

term, 9 months

Chairman

director 2 yrs

directory 3 yrs

clerk

\$131.25

\$116.25

John Day School

12-10-1879- As evidence of progress a new school district has recently been established between the prairie and John Day river which has over 20 children of school age to start with. Where but a few years ago it was mostly all an uninhabited wilderness. Some of the teachers at John Day were; Annie Perrie, 1880,; Jennie Phillips, 1893; Beatrice Foster, 1894; Ethel Blinn, 1897

ADB 6-16-1893:1

The annual school meeting of school directors took place yesterday. The following teachers were elected for the next school term, commencing in September;.....John Day's, Miss Jennie Phillips.

ADB 4-3-1894

Miss Beatrice Foster of Nehalem was appointed teacher of the John Day school.

DMA Mar 22, 1895

Quite a settlement is growing up at John Day's river, eight families have moved there lately and bought land. O.D. Young has generously donated a fine site for a schoolhouse for district No. 22 and the lumber for the building was brought yesterday. About 25 children will attend this summer.

ADB 3-8-1899

An amendment to the general schools was by which sections 60 and 70 of those laws are made application to cities of 4,000 population and over, affects the local districts so that in the future the limits of the city and those of District #1 will conform. The John Day and Walluski schools will now comprise districts by themselves.

DMA 4-16-1903:3

The John Day district No. 18 is prospering under Miss Anne Lewis.

Cumtux Vol. 6, N0.2 by Alta Christian Weir

(excerpts) My mother said looking back, the days of her childhood on the John Day were the happiest. Then there was the matter of school. The school was located on the Howell Lewis place on the east end of the district. It was such a great distance from the west end that the children living there could not attend. Grandma felt the school's location was totally unfair. She went to see Judge Bowlby concerning the problem. As the Alt place was in the center of the district, Grandfather offered the property on which to build a school house. The slate that my mother used while attending school at John Day now stands on our mantle at our Robson House.

Cumtux Vol. 10 no. 4, vol 2, No 1 **Parker Family** by Lawrence Parker

(excerpts) Four of the (Parker) children, Jenner, Harry, Mary and Alma (Peggy) attended the John Day grade school. The school was located on the 40 acre tract adjoining their farm, owned by Hiram B. Parker, who it is believed donated the land for the school. This school was used until about 1900, when the Fernhill grade school was built. Peary Parker and his younger brothers attended the first grade at Fernhill school, a two mile walk each way from their farm.

Fernhill School

Established 7/9/1880, as District #18, Located on Columbia highway 6 miles east of Astoria. Consolidated April 4, 1955 with 1C.

ADB 6-22-1909:1

In Fernhill district Peter Bullickson was elected clerk and James Bayle director.

Peary (Parker) entered the first grade in 1900 at the Fernhill school, where Anne

Lewis (daughter of Howell Lewis, John Day homesteader) was one of his teachers. Anne Lewis was later Clatsop county superintendent of schools for many years.

School Teachers, District #18, Fernhill

1913-14 Elsie L. Taylor

1914-15 Eva Neely

1915-17 Martha V. Larson

1916-17 Lon Albee Maynard (Mrs.)

1917-18 Adda Wright, Letha Hahn

1918-19 Leona Barger

1919-20 James J. Patten

1920-21 Wilhelmina G. Peterson

1921-22 James L. Patten, Wilhelmina Peterson

1922-23 Edith L. Raltson (Mrs.), Elsa A. Larson, Adrena deJong

1923-24 Elsa Larson, Adrena deJong

1924-2 Elsa Larson Simonsen (Mrs.), Adrena deJong Luoto (Mrs.), Ruth Stanley

Clatsop county School directory 1942-43

School district No. 18, Fernhill

Route 2, Astoria

School census 91

enrollment 44

Valuation \$228,513

tax Levy 7.9

Transportation, yes

term, 9 months

Milo Carpenter

chairman

C. Knudsen

director 2 years

M. B. Howe

director for 3 years

Mrs. Elsa Simonsen

district clerk

(12 months basis)

Ann Mattson, Principal

\$110.00

Edith Stephens

100.00

EAB 3-16-1955:10 Assets, Liabilities Would Be Shared

Assets will be pooled and liabilities and responsibilities of the two former districts will be shared by a newly created school district if consolidation is approved by voters in districts 1 and 18 at the March 21 special election.

Fernhill census

The census for school district 18 is 107. Thus if the districts are combined they will enjoy a census totaling 2,743 youngsters.

The first provision of the consolidation agreement provides that all real and personal property will become that of the new district. Included in this provision are buildings, property and "just plain" school equipment.

The freshly painted school building at Fernhill, which houses two class rooms and five elementary grades, will be part of the new district. All of the equipment in the building would also be included.

The building itself would undoubtedly be removed. However for at least one year it

is possible the first graders, and perhaps the second graders would attend school in the building. All other students would attend school in Astoria. How long, or if school is held in the building after consolidation is dependant upon the parents in the Fernhill area.

Equipment in the building ranges from modern primary desks in one of the rooms to obsolete school furniture in the second. Pianos are provided in each of the rooms. Radio record players, with a fairly complete library of recordings are also part of the equipment.

Each of the rooms is equipped with large modern lighting fixtures. The building is heated by a one-year old modern heating plant. It is a 150,000 BTU automatic oil furnace. In the playground is a variety of outdoor equipment. The library in each of the rooms contains many volumes of elementary textbooks.

All this would be absorbed into the new district when the old Fernhill building is abandoned.

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